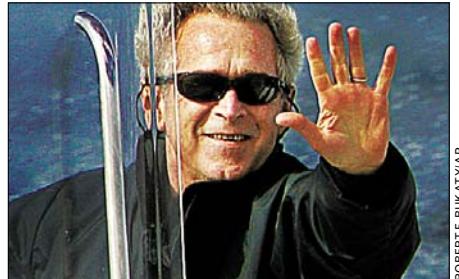


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Bodies Found Amid Bridge Debris

RECOVERY: A vehicle is hoisted off the wreckage of the I-35W bridge in Minneapolis, Minn., on Thursday. Divers pulled two more bodies from the debris, bringing the disaster's confirmed death toll to seven, more than a week after the span crumbled into the Mississippi River. Crews have been searching for at least eight people missing and presumed killed in the Aug. 1 collapse.

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Mortgage Shakeout Hits Dow

387-point decline highlights global impact of credit woes

NEW YORK | Wall Street plunged again Thursday after a French bank said it was freezing three funds that invested in U.S. subprime mortgages because it was unable to properly value their assets. The Dow Jones industrials extended its series of triple-digit swings, this time falling more than 380 points.

The announcement by BNP Paribas raised the specter of a widening impact of U.S. credit market problems.

The idea that institutions, investors, companies and individuals can't get money when they need it unnerved a stock market that has suffered through weeks of volatility triggered by concerns about tight credit and bad subprime mortgages.

A move by the European Central Bank to provide more cash to money markets intensified Wall Street's angst. Although the bank's loan of more than \$130 billion in overnight funds to banks at a low rate was intended to calm investors, Wall Street saw it as confirmation of the credit markets' problems.

The concerns that arose in Europe and spilled onto Wall Street underscored the potential worldwide ramifications of an implosion of some subprime loans. (AP)



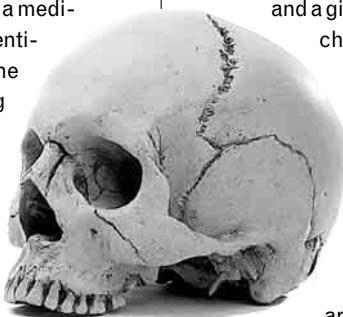
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A woman who bought a box sight-unseen at an unclaimed-property auction got a shock when she opened it and found a human skull. She turned the skull over to police, who said they don't believe foul play was involved. Phoenix police spokesman Sgt. Joel Tranter said officials were investigating. "There's no indication the skull is connected to a crime," Tranter said. "It's possible it was part of a medical display." The unidentified woman bought the item Tuesday during a closed-box auction at a self-storage facility. At such auctions, buyers don't know what's inside the boxes they're purchasing. (AP)



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Four teens broke into a gas station Wednesday and left a trail of candy-bar wrappers along the road as they left, said Cpl. Mark Shawkey of the Anne Arundel County Police Department. A police dog located the teens a quarter-mile away. "Never heard of a K-9 having that extra help in completing a track," Shawkey said. Three boys and a girl, ages 15 to 16, were charged with burglary and theft. Shawkey said the teens stole candy, chips and cigars. Most of the junk food was found scattered along the road on which they were arrested. (AP)



STAYING COOL

If This Is a Crime, Let Us All Be Guilty

A Catholic priest in Frederick, Colo., faces an indecent-exposure charge after jogging in the nude an hour before sunrise. The Rev. Robert Whipkey told

officers he had been running naked at a high school track and didn't think anyone would be around at that time of day, a police report said. He told officers he sweats profusely if he wears clothing while jogging. "I know what I did was wrong," he said in the report. His attorney, Doug Tisdale,

DUMB RECORDS

Pick-Up Sticks

About 1 million toothpicks will eventually make up a horse mural by Albanian painter Saimir Strati. He's seeking — what else? — a Guinness World Record for the largest 3-D toothpick mosaic ever attempted. It looks like it will take about 25 days (he started on Aug. 8). In 2006, Strati created the world's largest nail mosaic, using about 500,000 industrial nails. (AP)

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The number of hurricanes expected to form during the Atlantic storm season, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration reported Thursday—a slight drop from the 10 originally forecast. The season lasts from June 1 to Nov. 30.

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In Brief



Cindy Sheehan says House Speaker Pelosi is out of touch with her district.

SAN FRANCISCO

Activist Sheehan Announces Campaign to Unseat Pelosi

A tearful Cindy Sheehan cited her son, killed in Iraq, as her inspiration as she announced her candidacy Thursday for the U.S. House against Democratic Rep. Nancy Pelosi. Sheehan last month said she intended to run against Pelosi, the House speaker, if the San Francisco congresswoman didn't move to impeach President Bush by July 23. Sheehan said that Pelosi had "protected the status quo" and had lost touch with people in her district. (AP)

DEKALB, ILL.

Monster Truck Plows Into Crowd, Injuring 9 People

A monster truck performing stunts in front of an auto parts store veered into a crowd of spectators Thursday, injuring at least nine people, officials said. All were in fair condition at hospitals, and one person was being evaluated for possible admission. (AP)

Bush: No Tax Hike for Bridge Fixes

Says Congress needs to get its spending priorities in check

WASHINGTON | A week after a deadly bridge collapse in Minneapolis, President Bush on Thursday dismissed raising the federal gasoline tax to repair bridges at least until Congress changes how it spends highway money.

"The way it seems to have worked is that each member on that [Transportation] committee gets to set his or her own priorities first," Bush said. "That's not the right way to prioritize the people's money. Before we raise taxes, which could affect economic growth, I would strongly urge the Congress to examine how they set priorities."

About \$24 billion, or 8 percent of the last \$286 billion highway bill,



FIGHTING WORDS: President Bush said Congress needs to reconsider its highway spending before mulling an increase in the federal gas tax to fund bridge repairs.

was devoted to highway and bridge projects singled out by lawmakers. The balance is distributed through grants to states, which decide how it will be spent. Federal money accounts for about 45 percent of all infrastructure spending.

The Democratic chairman of the House Transportation Committee, Rep. Jim Oberstar, D-Minn., proposed a 5-cent increase in the 18.3 cents-per-gallon federal gasoline tax to establish a new trust fund for repairing or replacing structurally deficient highway bridges.

More than 70,000 of the nation's bridges are rated structurally deficient, including the bridge that collapsed over the Mississippi River last Wednesday. The American Society of Civil Engineers says repairing them all would require spending at least \$9.4 billion per year for 20 years.

JENNIFER LOVEN (AP)

At Utah Mine, a Race Against Time

Rescuers hope drilling effort provides signs miners are still living

HUNTINGTON, UTAH | If the six trapped miners are alive, they may be sitting in inky darkness, their headlamps having burned out. Wearing thin work clothes in the 58-degree cold, they could be chilled to the bone if water is seeping into their cham-

ber 150 stories below ground.

How much air they might have is anyone's guess.

On Thursday, more than three days after the thunderous cave-in, a drilling rig on the mountain above the Crandall Canyon mine closed in on the men, trying to bore a hole a mere 2 1/2 inches wide to bring them air and lower a two-way communication device and a tiny camera to check for signs of life.

"We may get no noise," cau-



Mine part-owner Bob Murray listens to an update on drilling and rescue efforts.

tioned Bob Murray, part-owner of the mine. "They may be dead."

Murray also warned that things could go wrong, including equipment breakdowns and the possibility the drill was off target.

"We may not come out in the mine where we want to be. We may come out in a solid pillar and have to start all over again," Murray said.

Rescuers used a second drill to bore a second hole nearly 9 inches wide, but they had reached only 355 feet as of midday. The bigger hole could be used to lower more sophisticated cameras and provisions into the ground. PAULINE ARRILLAGA (AP)

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BUT CLEMENZA SAID TO DROP THE GUN: A robber's clumsy pursuit of cash left him staring at the barrel of his own shotgun after he set it on the convenience store counter in Albany, N.Y., and the clerk snatched it up, officials said.

Feds Alter Flight Screening Plan

Latest proposal strips away measures that raised privacy issues

WASHINGTON | The government proposed a third version of its airline passenger pre-screening program Thursday, stripped of controversial data mining elements that had aroused privacy concerns and blocked earlier versions.

At the same time, Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced that starting six months from now, airlines operating international flights will be required to send the government their passenger list data before the planes take off rather than afterward, as is now the case.

The early sharing of passenger information was designed to give U.S. authorities more time to identify and remove from flights suspected terrorists like Richard Reid, who attempted to light a shoe bomb on a trans-Atlan-

tic flight in December 2001.

"Now the airlines give us their manifests after the plane has left the ground, and that is too late," Chertoff said.

The proposed domestic system would transfer the matching of passengers against the government's terrorist watch lists from the airlines, which do it now, to Transportation Security Administration officers.

The existing screening system has been widely ridiculed because of instances in which members of Congress and even infants have been blocked from boarding or delayed because their names are similar to other names on the watch lists. Chertoff said the new system, known as Secure Flight, will avoid the kinds of activities envisioned that raised privacy concerns. (AP)



Chertoff

NEW RECORD | MAN GETS HIS 15 MINUTES BY HOLDING BREATH



RICHARD DREW/AP

BETTER THAN TALKING TO REGIS: Tom Sietas of Hamburg, Germany, breathes after holding his breath for 15 minutes and two seconds, breaking his own Guinness record during his appearance on "Live With Regis and Kelly" on Thursday.

Humans' Sooty Footprint in Arctic

WASHINGTON | Around the middle of the 19th century, the Arctic took a sooty turn for the worse, according to researchers studying how humans have affected the climate.

Soot can darken the snow, caus-

ing it to absorb sunlight, warm up and melt. That, in turn, can add to local climate warming by exposing darker ground which absorbs energy from the sun that the white snow would have reflected.

Ice cores from before about 1850 show most soot came from forest fires. But since then, black soot in the snow has increased several times over, and most now comes from industrial activities, according to a paper in Thursday's online edition of the journal Science. (AP)

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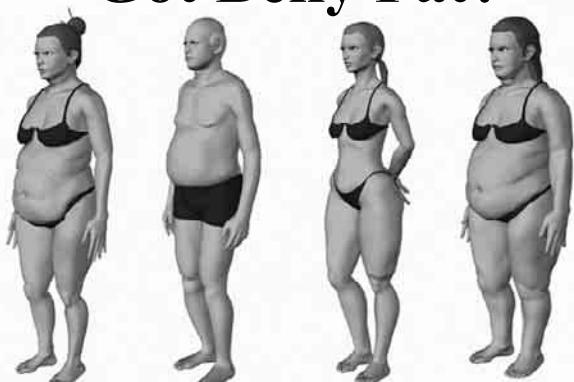


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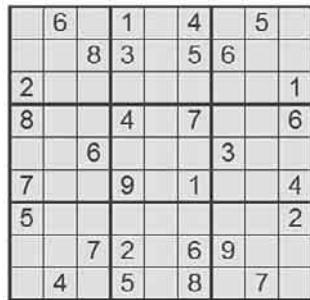


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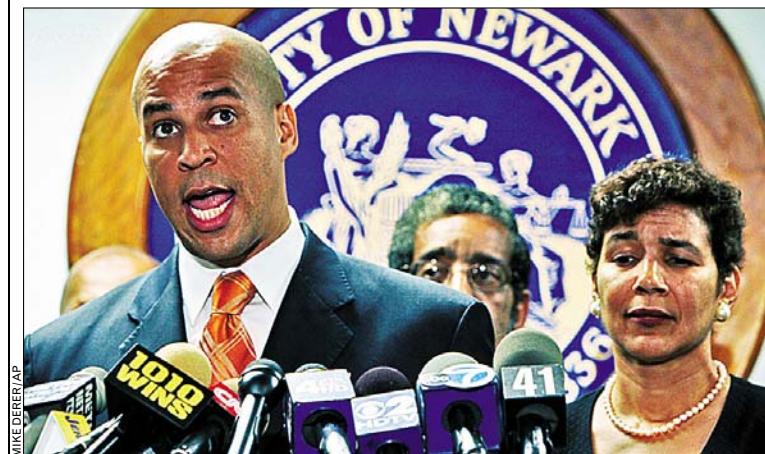
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Newark Mayor Cory Booker, left, with Essex County Prosecutor Paula Dow, right, announces the arrest of a 15-year-old in the Newark schoolyard slayings case.

2 Arrested in N.J. Student Slayings

Teen, 28-year-old are in custody as officials seek more suspects

NEWARK, N.J. | Two suspects were in custody Thursday, accused of killing three college students and wounding a fourth in a schoolyard, and authorities said they expected more arrests in a crime that created outrage in a city beset for years by violence.

"We believe that others were involved in this heinous crime," Essex County Prosecutor Paula T. Dow said. "We're looking for them."

The arrests came in a series of dramatic events, which included the

surrender of one suspect directly to Mayor Cory A. Booker.

When that suspect, identified as 28-year-old Jose Carranza, surrendered on Thursday, "He said no words whatsoever," Booker said. In turn, "I had absolutely nothing to say to this individual."

On Wednesday night, police arrested a 15-year-old boy from Newark. Booker got word that Carranza wanted to surrender during a news conference to announce the teen's arrest and that authorities were searching for Carranza.

When reached by Carranza's lawyer, "I said simply, 'Let's find a spot,'" Booker said. JEFFREY GOLD (AP)

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SOUND OFF: London's Big Ben is losing its bongs and chimes — at least for a few weeks. The famed bell that sounds the hour at Britain's Houses of Parliament is to fall silent during scheduled repairs for only the fourth time in a century and a half.

World

Pakistan Backs off Emergency Rule

Embattled Musharraf under pressure amid wave of domestic crises

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN | President Gen. Pervez Musharraf backed away Thursday from imposing a state of emergency in Pakistan that would have drastically curtailed freedoms.

The decision came after strong opposition from critics in and out of government. That Musharraf was even considering such an idea was

seen as a sign of weakness from the embattled leader as he seeks re-election for another five-year term.

Musharraf, who seized power in a 1999 coup, has come under increasing pressure from forces at home to restore full democracy, and rising U.S. criticism to do more to stop the Taliban and al-Qaeda from regrouping in the restive border region with Afghanistan.

The combination of a series of domestic crises and a recent wave of militant violence has left Musharraf at his most vulnerable yet as

the country heads toward a presidential vote this fall.



Musharraf

Analysts say the talk of a state of emergency is a sign desperation is creeping in.

"I don't see any prospects for him," said Rasul Bakhsh

Rais, professor of political science at Lahore University of Management Sciences. By considering the imposition of a state of emergen-

cy, Musharraf had shown he was struggling to hold power by normal political means.

"He's riding a rudderless ship in the middle of a political storm," Rais said.

Imposing a state of emergency would have given Musharraf sweeping powers to restrict freedom of movement and assembly and could have extended for another year the term of the current parliament, which is viewed as pro-Musharraf, although dissent is growing within its ranks. ROHAN SULLIVAN (AP)

In Brief



AHMAD AL-RUBAYE/AFP/Getty Images

Iraqi Shiites march together in the Kadhimiyah district of Baghdad Thursday.

BAGHDAD Shiites Hold Massive Pilgrimage in Relative Calm

Hundreds of thousands of Shiites marched to a gold-domed mosque in harsh heat and sun Thursday in a pilgrimage of devotion to an eighth century saint. Only scattered strikes by Sunni insurgents marred the day, which was held amid tight security to avoid the attacks that have occurred during past gatherings. A few shook their fists at U.S. soldiers standing alongside the procession route, but the march was mostly peaceful. (AP)

FREETOWN, SIERRA LEONE Nation's Next Steps Hinge On Pivotal Presidential Poll

War-battered Sierra Leone chooses a new president Saturday, the first election held here since U.N. peacekeepers withdrew from the diamond-rich nation two years ago. The vote will test the West African nation's ability to transfer power peacefully after years of coups and conflict. Electoral commission chief Christiana Thorpe said the poll would "make or break this country." (AP)



MARKUS SCHREIBER/AP

HISTORY LESSON: The Berlin Wall remains a major tourist attraction for Germany, but the wall is also in need of major repairs.

Berlin's Famous Wall Falling ... Again

City officials, artists bicker over how to fix a crumbling landmark

BERLIN | When communist East Germany collapsed in 1989, Berliners were eager to tear down its most detested symbol, the Berlin Wall that divided their city during the Cold War.

Seventeen years later, city officials and artists are arguing about how to do the exact opposite: keep part of the wall, now a major tourist attraction, from falling apart.

The medics were released after Libya and the EU struck a deal for millions of dollars in aid to Libya, and soon afterward France signed an arms deal with Tripoli. (AP)

"The wall is rotten inside, crumbling away on the outside, and there is not enough money to pay for its entire preservation," said city official Joerg Flaehtig — adding that the start of restoration work, planned for September, would most likely have to be postponed.

Flaehtig was referring to the East Side Gallery, a stretch of the wall in Berlin that 118 international artists commissioned by the city covered with graffiti in 1990.

Flaehtig said restoration of just the wall's structure would cost an estimated \$1.8 million — money

that is available from city, state and EU funds.

"We don't have that money for the restoration of the artwork yet; that's why we can't start with the reconstruction," Flaehtig said.

Kani Alavi, 51, the head of the East Side Gallery's Artists' Association, disagreed.

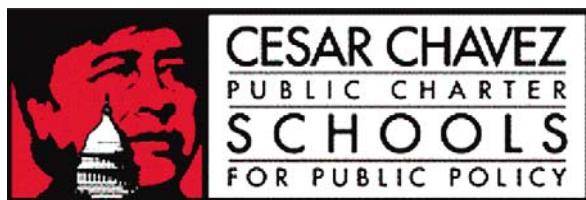
"We were told the 850,000 euros needed to fly in all the artists and have them repaint their works were available," said Alavi. "The main problem is that the Berlin authorities are so slow and prefer dreaming instead of doing their job." (AP)

KHARTOUM, SUDAN Heavy Fighting Reported Over Strategic Darfur Town

Fighting over a strategic town in southern Darfur has killed many rebels and government forces over the past week, and the Sudanese air force has bombed several villages, rebels and international observers said Thursday. The clashes began Aug. 1 when rebels captured the town of Adila, where Sudanese troops were stationed to protect the only railway linking Darfur to Khartoum, rebels said. (AP)

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World



JUMP START: Uganda will pay a \$10 monthly allowance to the country's "chronically poor" who live on less than a dollar per day, officials said. The pilot program is funded by aid agencies.

Isolation Weighs on Gaza

Hamas-run territory will soon rely solely on foreign aid, U.N. says

GAZA CITY, GAZA STRIP | The Gaza Strip will soon become entirely dependent on foreign aid and face "disastrous consequences" if the Hamas-run territory remains sealed off, the U.N. cautioned on Thursday.

Israel and Egypt closed their crossings with Gaza to all but humanitarian aid after the Islamic militant Hamas violently seized power in the coastal strip in June, exacerbating poverty among the 1.4 million residents of the already impoverished territory.



ADEHANNA/AP

Palestinians return to Gaza through the Erez border crossing on Thursday.

However, in a special case, Israel on Thursday allowed the last of more than 6,300 Palestinians stranded in Egypt since the closure to return home to Gaza.

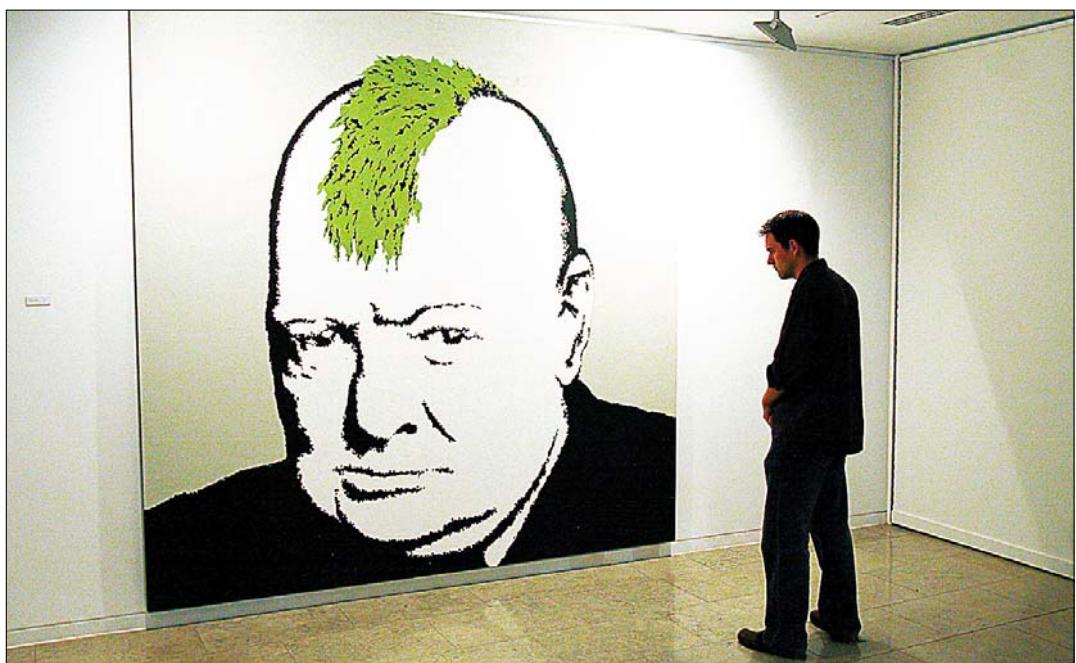
The blockade has put Gaza's fragile economy in danger and the window of opportunity for addressing

the crisis "is small and fast closing," said Filippo Grandi, the deputy head of U.N. Relief and Works Agency, the international body responsible for Palestinian refugees.

Grandi appealed to "the Palestinian Authority, Israel and all other parties" to open the crossings, saying failure to do so would lead to "disastrous consequences, an atmosphere of hopelessness and despair in which extremism is likely to take hold."

Even before Hamas' Gaza takeover, 1.1 million Gazans received foreign food assistance, a figure that rose sharply as a result of Israeli trade restrictions and an international aid embargo imposed after Hamas won elections in 2006. (AP)

BRITAIN | CHURCHILL GETS PUNKED



CARL DE SOUZA/AFP/Getty Images

POP LIFE: A man takes in British artist Banksy's modern spin on a portrait of former British Prime Minister Winston Churchill during an exhibition at the Hospital in London on Thursday. The new art show, called Banksy v. Warhol, contrasts the work of Banksy and American artist Andy Warhol. It opens to the public Friday and will run until Sept. 1.

Russian Planes Buzz Island of Guam

MOSCOW | Russian bombers have flown to the island of Guam — home to a U.S. military base — for the first time since the Cold War in an exercise intended to show the Kremlin's resurgent military power, an air force general said Thursday.

Two Tu-95 bombers reached Guam, a U.S. territory, this week, and their crews smiled at the pilots of the U.S. fighter jets that scrambled to intercept them, said Maj. Gen. Pavel Androsov.

"Whenever we saw U.S. planes

during our flights over the ocean, we greeted them," Androsov said.

During the Cold War, Soviet bombers routinely flew far over the Arctic, Atlantic and Pacific oceans — the areas from where they would launch nuclear-tipped cruise missiles at the United States in case of war. (AP)



MONKEY SEE: A judge has ruled that Elyse Gazewitz of Rockville, Md., who is facing charges of illegally owning a monkey, should be allowed to visit the animal before her trial. The monkey, Armani, has been at the Catoctin Wildlife Preserve and Zoo since authorities seized him in May.

Local

In Brief

WASHINGTON

Amtrak Trip to New York City Now 10 Minutes Faster

The morning train ride between New York City and Washington just got 10 minutes shorter. Amtrak recently began offering once-a-day Acela Express service between the two cities that stops only in Philadelphia. The move shaves 6 percent off the trip time of a standard five-stop ride, which takes 2 hours and 45 minutes. (AP)

ALEXANDRIA

Metro's Yellow Line to Be Shut Down This Weekend

Metro will shut down the Yellow Line rail bridge over the Potomac River this weekend to do track maintenance and conduct an annual bridge inspection. The Yellow Line will operate only between the Huntington and King Street Metrorail stations beginning Friday at 10 p.m., and ending Sunday at midnight. (EXPRESS)

BALTIMORE, MD.

Former Gymnastics Teacher Jailed for Child Pornography

A former gymnastics instructor who amassed a huge child pornography collection was sentenced Wednesday to 6½ years in prison. Patrick D. Bogan, 41, taught for 11 years at Baltimore County Gymnastics near White Marsh, where he worked with girls between 5 and 15 years old. U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein said the case against Bogan was significant because of the sheer volume of child pornography in his possession — hundreds of sexually explicit images of children on his computer and hundreds of pornographic videotapes of minors. (AP)

Fenty Names New HIV/AIDS Head

CDC epidemiologist tapped to lead D.C.'s public health initiative

Mayor Adrian Fenty announced Thursday morning that he has appointed a public health physician who has worked with HIV-infected people in several countries to lead the District's HIV/AIDS Administration.

Fenty's choice, Dr. Shannon Lee Hader, is an epidemiologist and public health physician who

has worked with HIV-infected children and adults in Brazil, Jamaica and Zimbabwe. Until her appointment by the mayor, she was on detail from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to the State Department as the senior scientific advisor for the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief. She focused on starting up the Public Health Evaluation Initiative for the \$15 billion worldwide program.

If confirmed by the city council, Hader would be the third director

in as many years for the agency. The District's Health Department director, Gregg Pane, announced that he intended to reorganize the office and then named himself as interim director.

Hader, who received her medical degree from Columbia University and trained in internal medicine and pediatrics at Duke University Medical School, joined the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in 1999 as an epidemic intelligence service officer.

More recently, she has directed

the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Zimbabwe Global AIDS Program.

She also has served as an adjunct clinical faculty member at Emory University School of Medicine in Atlanta.

Fenty has called HIV/AIDS the top public-health priority of his administration.

Under a campaign launched last summer, the city wants all residents between 14 and 84 to be tested to find out their HIV status.

JOE HOLLEY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

IN The Washington Post | HAPPIER HOSPITAL VISIT



ANDREA BRUCE/TWP

AGAINST ALL ODDS: Brian Boyle, 21, left, and his mother greet nurse Florence Gooding at Prince George's Hospital Center. Brian Boyle was in a coma and close to death before recovering at the hospital in 2004. He toured the hospital Thursday with Maryland Lt. Gov. Anthony Brown and the media.

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Man Indicted in \$32M Fraud Case

BALTIMORE | A federal grand jury indicted a corporate executive who allegedly ran a scheme to make \$32 million in false purchases of computer equipment, spending the money instead on beach real estate and private jet travel, prosecutors said Thursday.

Alan B. Fabian, 43, of Cockeysville, is charged in a 23-count indictment with mail fraud, money laundering, bankruptcy fraud, perjury and obstruction of justice.

U.S. Attorney Rod J. Rosenstein called it one of the largest monetary theft cases ever prosecuted in Maryland. He said it was exceeded only

by the Allfirst case, in which rogue trader John M. Rusnak defrauded the bank of nearly \$700 million.

Fabian's alleged scheme defrauded his employer, Reston, Va.-based government consulting company Maximus Inc.; an equipment leasing company called Solarcom, in Norcross, Ga.; and financial institutions, according to prosecutors and the indictment.

The government is seeking the forfeiture of Fabian's assets, including the beach real estate in North Carolina, a yacht and three cars. (AP)

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Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	8-8-6-9
Rolling Cash Five (Wed.)	10-16-22-23-25
Daily 6 (Wed.)	5-13-15-23-25-31 Bonus: 14
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	5-13-18-36-39 (5)

MARYLAND

Mid-day Pick 3	7-3-8
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	0-2-9
Mid-day Pick 4	0-3-4-4
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	0-0-4-7
Match 5 (Wed.)	9-13-15-19-38 Bonus: 34
Lotto (Wed.)	4-6-13-21-31-42

VIRGINIA

Mid-day Pick 3 (Thurs.)	9-6-3
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	9-1-6
Mid-day Pick 4 (Thurs.)	9-5-1-3

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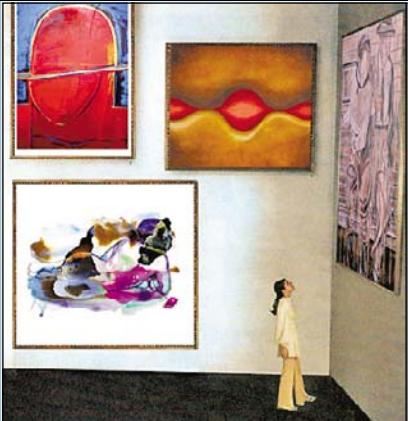
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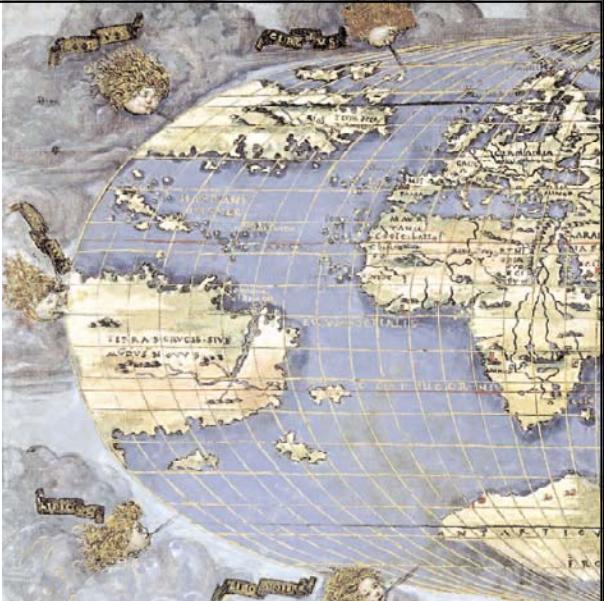


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Money

Retail Sales Hit the Skids

Stores ring up largely sluggish July numbers from cautious shoppers

NEW YORK | The sluggish sales that have dogged the nation's retailers this year are the result of two quite different sets of problems: Consumers are cautious — they're paying more for gasoline and watching their home values fall. And, the stores just don't seem to have the merchandise that people want to buy.

As retailers reported generally disappointing July sales results Thursday, it was clear that the weakening housing market and more expensive gas had shoppers



Jhennel Bryan shops for school clothes in New York City on Thursday.

limiting their trips to the mall and, when they did go, buying tentatively, following a pattern that began back in February.

But analysts say stores can't blame all their problems on macroeconomic conditions. Even teen

retailers like Pacific Sunwear of California Inc. and Wet Seal Inc., which tend to be least vulnerable to the whims of the economy, had a bad month. That suggests to analysts that stores are not serving up the most exciting products.

"There is a big middle that is treading water, trying to figure out what their consumers are looking for," said Trish Walker, partner in the retail practice at the consulting firm Accenture.

According to the International Council of Shopping Centers-UBS preliminary tally of 48 stores, July results were up 2.6 percent, compared to the 3.9 percent gain in the year-ago period.

ANNE D'INNOCENZIO (AP)

the annual survey, which measures problems experienced by the original owners of three-year-old vehicles. Both Buick and Lexus had 145 problems per 100 vehicles. The worst-performing brand, Land Rover, had 398 problems. The industry average was 216 problems, down from 227 in last year's survey. (AP)

MOUNT LAUREL, N.J.

Campbell Soup Co. Plans To Put Godiva Up for Sale

Campbell Soup Co. is putting Godiva up for sale, saying the decadent

Belgian chocolate does not fit with the company's focus on healthy and hearty foods. The Camden-based company announced Thursday that it has hired Centerview Partners LLC to advise it on what to do with Godiva Chocolatier, which the company has owned for more than 40 years but says has never fit squarely into any of its main business units. Analyst Mitch Pinheiro, of the Janney Montgomery Scott firm, said the company would need to get about \$900 million for Godiva to avoid diluting earnings. (AP)

In Brief

DETROIT

Buick, Lexus Tie for Top Rank in Vehicle Reliability

Buick tied with Lexus as the highest-ranking brand in a closely watched study of vehicle dependability, marking the first time in 12 years that Lexus has shared the top award, J.D. Power and Associates said Thursday. Cadillac, Mercury and Honda rounded out the top five brands in

Market Action

New York Stock Exchange

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
AREst	99.65	+12.40	+14.2
Skechers	22.50	+2.54	+12.7
CeleraGrp	13.70	+1.48	+12.1
SteaknShk	16.89	+1.79	+11.9
BeazrHm	16.76	+1.75	+11.7

Losers

BuckTch	10.43	-4.29	-29.1
LenoxGrp	4.88	-1.32	-21.3
GlobCash	12.21	-2.99	-19.7
NY&Co	7.67	-1.54	-16.7
HuttingBld	5.37	-1.03	-16.1

Rates

	CURRENT	PREVIOUS WEEK	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
Prime Rate	8.25	8.25	.4941	.4911	.5250
Fed Funds close	5.23	5.23	1.0564	1.0485	1.1195
3-month disc	4.76	4.81	.7307	.7247	.7775
2-year	4.68	4.64	118.29	119.69	115.23
10-year	4.67	4.68	11.0007	10.9236	10.8345
30-year	4.83	4.86	32.93	33.00	32.73

NASDAQ Stock Market

Gainers

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	DAILY PERCENT CHANGE
Knot Inc	23.33	+4.65	+24.9
MaxwllT	16.50	+3.26	+24.6
InPhonic	4.86	+.89	+22.4
Isramc	49.00	+8.60	+21.3
Iomai	1.72	-.01	-.8

Losers

Limelight n	8.99	-5.81	-39.3
CitiTrends	26.57	-11.51	-30.2
HomeDia n	8.52	-2.82	-24.9
AirspanNet	2.81	-.92	-24.7
TecumsehA	17.20	-5.36	-23.8

Currency (Dollars in foreign currency)

	TODAY	PREVIOUS DAY	YEAR AGO
British Pound	.4941	.4911	.5250
Canadian Dollar	1.0564	1.0485	1.1195
European Euro	.7307	.7247	.7775
Japanese Yen	118.29	119.69	115.23
Mexican Peso	11.0007	10.9236	10.8345
Taiwanese Dollar	32.93	33.00	32.73

Pharmacy Stocks

STOCK	LAST	DAILY CHANGE	YEAR TO DATE PERCENT CHANGE
AbtLab	54.93	-.137	+12.8
Allergan s	63.53	-.190	+6.1
AstraZen	48.95	-.209	-8.6
BarrPhm	54.64	-.36	+9.0
BrMySq	28.18	-.175	+8.2
Cephal	67.71	-.29	-3.8
ForestLab	35.99	-.100	-28.9
Hospira	38.15	-.82	+13.6
JohnJn	60.83	-.166	-7.9
LillyEli	57.85	-.55	+11.0
Merck	51.44	-.92	+18.0
Pfizer	24.14	-.47	-6.8
ScheringPl	27.52	-.91	+16.4
WarnerCh n	17.95	-.44	+29.9
Wyeth	49.58	-.71	-2.6

Sunday in The Washington Post

A Sea of Songs

Landlubbers get their feet wet at these area chantey sing-alongs

IN SUNDAY SOURCE | The facial hair is what gives them away. Sitting around the tartan-draped dining room of the Royal Mile Pub, a Scottish outpost in Wheaton, the men in the crowd sport double-take-worthy sideburns and goatees, whiskers that arch over mouths and curl up toward eyes, substantial beards and the occasional elegant mustache.

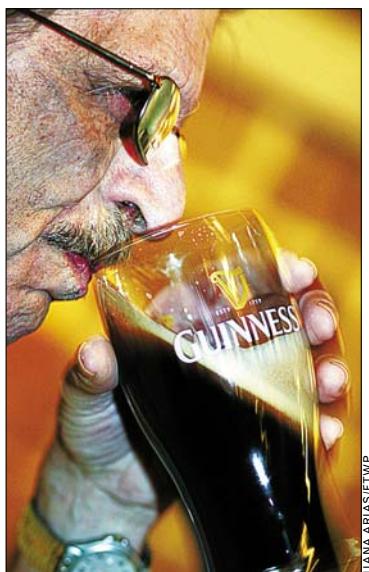
It's a personal-grooming phenomenon that occurs at the bar on the first Tuesday of the month, Sea Chantey Night, when maritime historians, Civil War reenactors, Renaissance Faire regulars and those who would just love to put "pirate" on their résumés come together to sing about living on the sea.

When the hostess seats Darriel Day, 25, of Wheaton (goatee, long ponytail, carrying a large Celtic drum) and a friend at a small table between a fireplace and a woman with a "got mead?" T-shirt, Day smiles contentedly. Like almost everyone nearby, he opens a chantey songbook.

It is just minutes before the chanties (SHAN-tees) commence. All seats are filled. No one in this crowd of about 100 will be leaving for two hours, except, perhaps, for the soon-to-be startled few who have shown up not realiz-



DENNIS DRENNER/FTWP

JUANA ARIAS/FTWP
Facial hair and a pint of Guinness: two staples of a local sea chantey night.

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IN SUNDAY SOURCE

To learn more about sea chanties, chantey nights and the men and women who sing chanties, see the full story.

IN The Washington Post

ing what's about to happen.

When the ship's whistle blows at 8 p.m., all talking stops. Patrons flip pages and huddle together while scarfing last bites of Beef and Guinness Pie or Maryland Fried Chicken, washed down with swigs of Smithwick's or Black Douglas Ale. For those in need of true liquid courage, the menu features dozens of

Scotch whiskeys. The crowd hushed, Myron Peterson (he of the expansive muttonchops), stands and belts out a song:

It was Friday morn when we set sail,

And we were not far from the land,

When our captain he spied a mermaid so fair,

With a comb and a glass in her hand.

At the chorus, the crowd joins him, harmonizing with voices of all range and pitch. "It's all about inclusion," Peterson, 50, of Severn, says later. A member of the Chanteymen, a group that organizes weekly "chantey sings" at area bars and coffeehouses, Peterson doesn't worry much about pitch and harmony: "Volume and clarity are more important than tonal beauty."

Though the song, "The Mermaid," is a dire one — according to folklore, a mermaid sighting meant a ship's quick detour to the ocean's bottom — the tune, like most chanties, is lively and addictive. "You want to get everybody feeling good," Peterson says.

For its part, the Royal Mile Pub seems built for chanties, with its antique fixtures, maps, hearty beer mugs and an oversize Royal Mile sign. Owner Ian Morrison, 32, whose parents started the pub in 1981, says his staff doesn't really mind this one night per month when vocal customers take over, even though they can often be seen lifting trays around singers' flailing arms, skirting past stomping feet and backing way up when singers spontaneously reenact climbing a ship rigging or fighting off a shark attack. SARAH SCHMELLING

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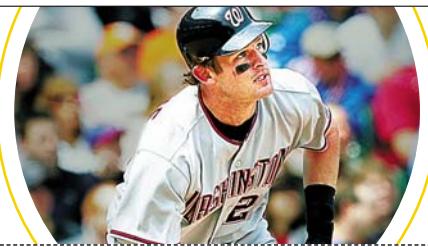
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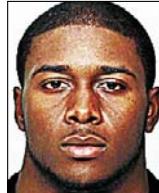
Tiger Woods finished 1-over on Thursday in his quest for another PGA title.

→ **LAST SHOT:** Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson have totaled zero major victories so far this season. With the PGA Championship at Southern Hills on Friday (2 p.m. on TNT), Saturday (11 a.m. on TNT and 2 p.m. on CBS) and Sunday (11 a.m. on TNT and 2 p.m. on CBS), they get their last chance.

→ **OUT OF SIGHT:** At the beginning of the year, the Orioles probably hoped this home series against the AL East-leading Red Sox on Friday (7 p.m. on MASN), Saturday (4 p.m. on FOX) and Sunday (1:30 p.m. on MASN) would mean something. It doesn't—at least not for the Orioles, who are 16 games back.

→ **SPEAKING OF MEANINGLESS:**

The NFL preseason gets under way



this weekend, and teams other than the Redskins are playing as well.

Reggie Bush's Saints host the Bills on Friday (8 p.m. on CBS) and the Seahawks

head to San Diego to play LaDainian Tomlinson's Chargers on Sunday night (8 p.m. on NBC)—though don't expect to see much from either of the superstars.

→ **LITTLE BIG LEAGUE:** Everyone's favorite baseball tournament, the Little League World Series, continues with games on Friday (8 p.m. on ESPN), Saturday (noon, 2 p.m., 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. on ESPN) and Sunday (10 p.m. on ESPN2).



JOHN McDONNELL/TWP

UNPATRIOTIC: Ben Watson and the New England Patriots embarrassed Washington 41-0 during last year's preseason.

A New Beginning

Redskins want to do better after last year's preseason debacle

REDSKINS | The preseason won't define you, but it can hurt you.

The Redskins travel to Tennessee on Saturday for the first of four exhibition games that are technically of



no consequence to their seasonal quest for a Super Bowl title.

The starters won't play much,

guys you've never heard of will pummel one another trying to secure a special teams spot, and everyone goes home with a better picture of who'll round out their roster.

Right? Maybe not.

Washington looked awful in four preseason games last year, including a dress rehearsal gone wrong that resulted in a 41-0 shellacking at New England. The offense looked disoriented, and the defense bent until it broke.

That begat a disastrous regular season, with the buzz about Al Saunders' shiny new scheme and the souped-up defense silenced by a 5-11 record.

"If you play nasty [in the pre-

season], you're going to start nasty," linebacker Rocky McIntosh said. "You definitely want to go out there and make a quick start. We're going to go out there and put our best foot forward and, hopefully, it carries over into the [regular] season."

The Redskins made headlines for what they didn't do last preseason. Washington showed almost none of the offensive complexities promised under Saunders' new scheme in their exhibitions, resulting in vanilla plays and no touchdowns scored by a first-timer. That may change this time around, as players like Santana Moss and Ladell Betts have been talking about how much more comfortable they feel in their

second season under Saunders.

Of course, defining a successful preseason isn't as easy as measuring wins and losses. Debacles like Washington's 2006 exhibition campaign are clear-cut, but fans were excited after Steve Spurrier's inaugural preseason of scoreboard padding only to be disappointed when his offense had to play against opponents' starters for 60 minutes.

We want to come out and we want to make a statement basically saying we're going to be competitors in our conference."

REDSKINS FULLBACK MIKE SELLARS

In the preseason, it's not so much that you win, but actually how you play the game. For instance, head coach Joe Gibbs has a very average 33-30 career preseason record. That mark gets even worse (6-10) in years the Redskins made the Super Bowl on his watch. Still, those Super Bowl teams established chemistry that carried over into the regular season.

"We definitely didn't like the taste of what was in our mouth last year," defensive end Renaldo Wynn said. "I think, this year, we're looking to get the starters out there playing a little bit more, fine-tuning those guys ... so, by the time we reach Miami, we're firing on all cylinders."

That's why moving the chains and preventing big plays is so important Saturday night. It's not necessarily victory they're chasing, but chemistry on the road to something bigger.

"We want to come out and we want to make a statement basically saying we're going to be competitors in our conference and, hopefully, are going to make the playoffs," fullback Mike Sellers said.

ERIC BRANDNER

FOOTBALL | **If It's Browns, Flush It Down** About 300 people spent 30 minutes flushing the 1,500 toilets and urinals inside Cleveland Browns Stadium to make sure malfunctioning valves that caused flooding during a concert had been repaired. The test Wednesday was a success, meaning



the stadium is ready to host the Browns' first preseason game Saturday against the Chiefs. The team asked for volunteers through the city's recreation centers and youth sports leagues. Chaperones were given walkie-talkies, and there was a countdown so toilets would be flushed at the same time. (AP)

Big Deal?

Last year was just the second preseason during which a Joe Gibbs-coached team failed to win a preseason game. The other time was 1982, when he won his first Super Bowl. So, would anyone have cared about these horrid preseason games from last year if the team hadn't finished 5-11? IAN HERBERT (EXPRESS)

Game 1: Bengals 19, Redskins 3

→ **WHAT WENT RIGHT:** Clinton Portis started off the game with a bang, finding a hole for an 8-yard gain on the first play from scrimmage. That was his only carry. When Mark Brunell threw an interception on his sixth throw, Portis hustled back to make a touchdown-saving tackle.

→ **WHAT WENT WRONG:** That tackle dislocated Portis' left shoulder, keeping him sidelined for the rest of the preseason, and he struggled when he came back.

→ **WHAT GIBBS THOUGHT:** "We wanted to have one good drive. We didn't want him to carry the ball more than one or two times."

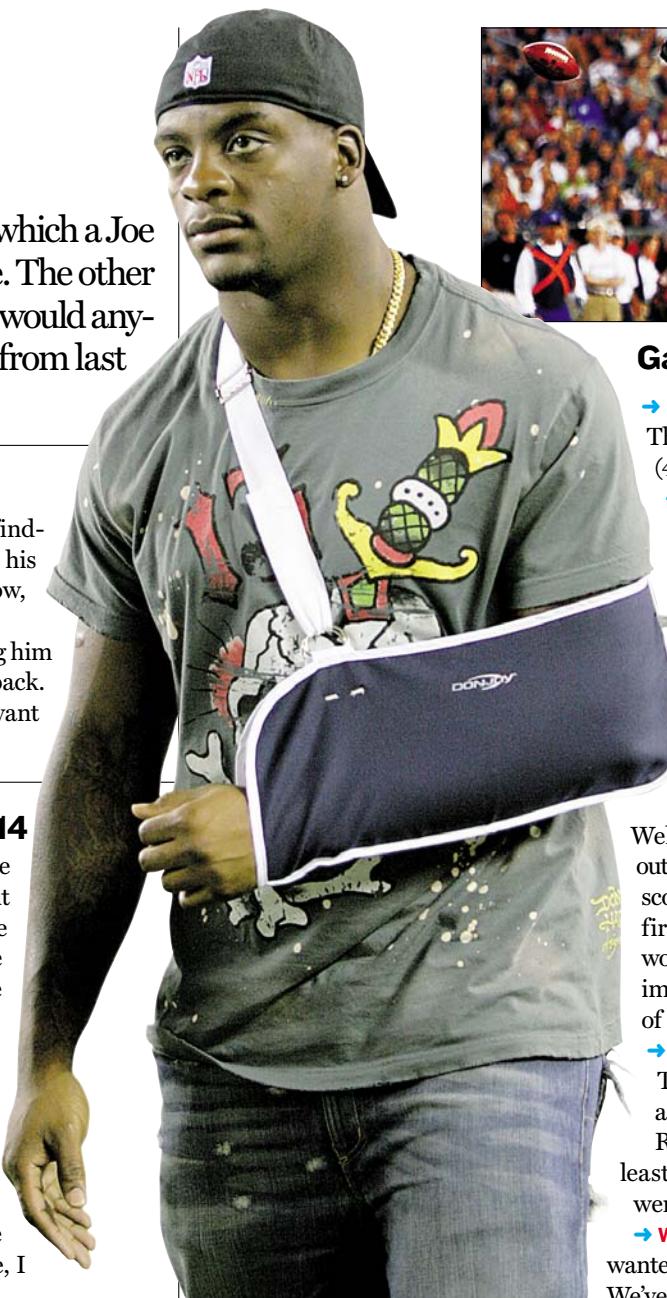


Game 2: Jets 27, Redskins 14

→ **WHAT WENT RIGHT:** Not much. The defense let up only 91 passing yards, but that was probably due to the fact that the Jets ran all over the Redskins' defense for 216 yards, 145 in the first half. The Redskins' offense did have five passes over 20 yards, so that's something.

→ **WHAT WENT WRONG:** The offense was 3-for-11 on third-down conversions, and the starting offense produced just three first downs. Ouch.

→ **WHAT GIBBS THOUGHT:** "I'm concerned all the way across the board. When we show up and do stuff like that at home, I take it real serious."



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Game 3: Patriots 41, Redskins 0

→ **WHAT WENT RIGHT:** Even less than the week before. The Patriots racked up three times as many yards (464) as the Redskins (154).

→ **WHAT WENT WRONG:** Where to start? The Redskins' QBs were sacked seven times while the offense managed just eight first downs. Mark Brunell failed to lead a scoring drive for the third straight game and completed just seven of 16 passes for 51 yards.

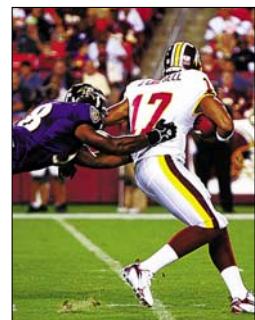
→ **WHAT GIBBS THOUGHT:** "When you go through tests like this, you find out what you're made of."

Game 4: Ravens 17, Redskins 10

→ **WHAT WENT RIGHT:** Well, the Redskins finally out-gained an opponent and scored a touchdown for the first time. For what it was worth, Todd Collins looked impressive, completing 13 of 22 passes for 201 yards.

→ **WHAT WENT WRONG:** The game wrapped up a preseason in which the Redskins scored just 27 points, the fewest since at least 1961, the earliest year for which preseason stats were kept. Plus, John Hall missed a field goal.

→ **WHAT GIBBS THOUGHT:** "Certainly, that's not the way we wanted to play. Everything points toward Monday night. We've got to find a way to play well [in the opener]."

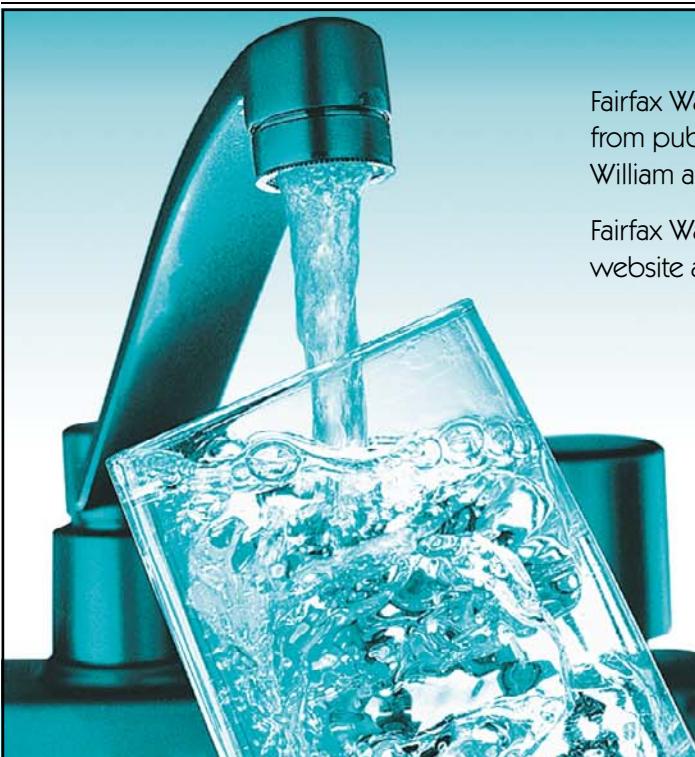


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Weekend Sports

2nd Place Is Getting Old

At PGA, Sergio tries to shed title of the best to never win a major

GOLF | Rarely has a second-place finisher sounded like as big a loser as Sergio Garcia did after the British Open.

Three weeks later, and with another shot at a major coming up, Garcia said he wouldn't have changed a thing.

Well, maybe one thing.

"I would have tried to hit that putt on 18 a little bit further out," he said on the eve of the PGA Championship.

Concerning his post-Carnoustie comments, in which he elevated his bad luck to Shakespearean proportions, insisting nobody gets as many bad breaks as he does, well, for that, he has no regrets.

"Yeah, I was emotional," he said. "I opened myself up to you guys, and I said what I felt."

Several times Wednesday, Garcia gave Padraig Harrington the credit he duly deserves for winning the British Open, a sentiment that was sorely missing in the heat of the moment at Carnoustie.

Harrington's win, of course, left one fewer person to vie with Garcia for the title of Best Player to Never Win a Major.

Sergio burst onto the scene in 1999 as "El Nino," a brash teenager expected to be Tiger Woods' next great challenger. But each year, the magical moment at that PGA — the tree root, the sprint up the fairway at Medinah, the second-place finish filled with so much potential — fades further into memory.

"It's a different situation," Garcia said when asked whether he used 1999 as positive reinforcement coming into this week. "I didn't win the



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British Open. Padraig did, and he deserved it. He played very, very well all week. But I was the only one who had the winning putt in regulation."

If that putt slides an inch to the right, it's Garcia playing alongside first-time major winners Zach Johnson and Angel Cabrera in Thursday's opening round at Southern Hills and Har-

rington answering questions about how he manages to move on.

Instead, Garcia has fallen to 0-for-33 in the majors, a stat that, fair or not, carries more weight than his 14-4-2 Ryder Cup record. And it's Garcia who now plays the still-waiting-for-a-major role that once belonged to Phil Mickelson — except in many minds, Garcia doesn't play it with nearly as much charm.

On Tuesday, Mickelson talked about how the hardest part of not winning a major was answering all the questions, trying to be open and honest and not sound like an idiot relating the deep-down feeling that he was sure his day would come soon.

"No matter which way you went with it, it was always going to come back to bite you," Mickelson said.

Garcia tried to be open and honest after Carnoustie, but it was merely translated as self-pitying and lame.

"I don't know. I should write a book on how to not miss a shot in the playoff and shoot 1-over," he said afterward. "It's the way it is. I guess it's not news in my life."

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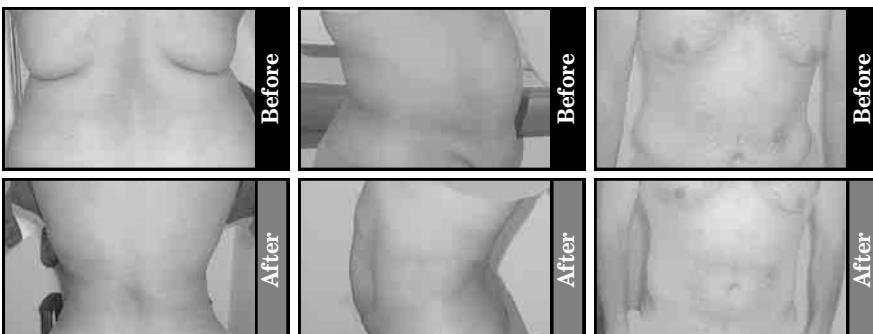
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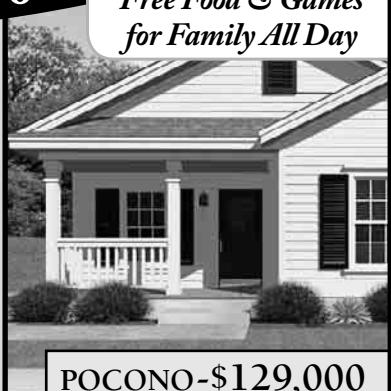
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Dmitri Young, in less than 12 months, has gone from baseball outcast to potential comeback player of the year for many rea-

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sons, not the least of which is his ability to master those 60 feet and six inches.

He's had plenty of problems — personal, physical, professional — but they've been the fuel that's driven him to perfect his craft. Young is a hitter.

"It's a team game but it's built on individual efforts," said Young, whose .333 batting average with the Washington Nationals this



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Dmitri Young says when he gets up to the plate, baseball becomes an individual battle and he becomes selfish. Austin Kearns prefers not to think too much.

season is among the league's best. "It's you versus the pitcher. You've got to think selfish in that situation."

Austin Kearns has struggled this

year to hit with the consistency of Young, who precedes him in the batting order. It's a fine line, Kearns said, between being prepared and being over-prepared. He admits

that he often is undone by over-thinking.

"It's probably something a lot of people do too much of," said Kearns, who's hitting .248. "I just try to react."

And there's precious little time to do so. Hours spent studying video of pitchers and many more spent hitting off a tee or in the cage boil down to reaction and execution in a split second.

The great ones simply do it. Kearns points to Albert Pujols or Miguel Cabrera in today's game, players with the rare ability to hit for both a high average and power.

Young studies the sweet swing of new Hall-of-Famer Tony Gwynn.

"He didn't try to hit the ball out of the ballpark," Young said. "He just looked for a certain pitch. He'd go the other way, but he'd turn on the ball if he had to. He just reacted to the ball."

And so Young and Kearns strive, with varying degrees of success, to win those small battles played out 500 or 600 times per year that define the hitter.

"It's competition," Kearns said. "That's why you play. You play because you want to win and do better than the guy you're going against." DEREK TURNER

PITCHING MATCHUPS



Matt Chico

- Throws: Left
- Fastball: Low 90s
- Best Asset: Control

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'07 NL	123.0	4.76	5	6	138	65	54	67
'06 AA	81.0	2.22	7	2	62	20	21	63



Livan Hernandez

- Throws: Right
- Fastball: High 80s
- Best Asset: Durability

YEAR	IP	ERA	W	L	H	ER	BB	SO
'07 NL	143.1	4.83	7	7	169	77	62	71
'06 NL	216.0	4.83	13	13	244	116	78	128

GAME 1 After two seasons with the dismal Nationals, Livan Hernandez is now on a first-place team. The workhorse starter has struggled at times this season but pitched well in his last start, allowing one earned run and five hits over six innings against the Dodgers.



Brandon Webb vs. John Lannan



Micah Owings vs. Mike Bacsik

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EVAN VUCCIPOLI
 Alana Beard, left, says the Mystics are peaking as the push for the playoffs begins. Already the team leader, Beard will take on a bigger role with Nikki Teasley injured.

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Mystics Stay Hot Out West

Washington has won 13 of its last 20 and may clinch last playoff spot

MYSTICS | "Without doubt, we are peaking at the right time," said Washington Mystics shooting guard Alana Beard. "We're probably one of the hottest teams in the league."

The all-star was completely positive before Thursday night's game against the L.A. Sparks, because her team was 13-7 over its last 20 games, riding a three-game winning-streak and, most importantly, in sole possession of the fourth-best record in the WNBA's Eastern Conference.

After enduring a 0-8 start, a coaching change and the loss of their starting center, with five games left, the 13-15 Mystics are in a good position to claim the Eastern Conference's fourth and final playoff spot.

"We are in the driver's seat; we control our destiny," said Beard.

"It feels really good. We're having fun."

With starting point guard Nikki Teasley's effectiveness now limited by a sprained left knee, Beard, already the team's marquee player, will now also be asked to run Washington's offense, said interim coach Tree Rollins, who, despite the injury, appeared to be in similarly good spirits.

Looking forward to this weekend's final two games of the West Coast swing, Rollins said that to win, the Mystics have to "play as hard as we possibly can and keep our turnovers down. I'm sure we'll play great.... They're excited, dedicated and focused."

"Our backs have been against the wall the whole year," Rollins said. "We've been playing pretty good as we've dug ourselves out of that hole. We've got to hold on for a couple of weeks. We're focused on staying in that fourth spot in the playoffs. We'll work our magic from there." **TIM FOLLO**

Nats Earn Split vs. Giants

Rauch retires Bonds in a pinch-hit at-bat to preserve the win

NATIONALS | Jon Rauch retired pinch-hitter Barry Bonds in a key spot and Felipe Lopez hit a two-run homer, leading the Washington Nationals to a 3-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Thursday.

Bonds stepped to the plate with the Giants down by two and runners on first and third with one out in the eighth inning.

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Pitching coach Randy St. Claire came out to the mound to talk to Rauch, who had never faced Bonds. After starting Bonds with a ball, Rauch got the slugger to foul out to third base. Bonds is 0-for-5 with three walks as a pinch-hitter this season.

Rauch got out of the inning by



Nats catcher Brian Schneider tags out Dave Roberts as Roberts slides into home.

catching Pedro Feliz straying too far off first after faking a pickoff throw to third. Chad Cordero then pitched the ninth for his 25th save in 33 chances, giving the Nationals a split of the four-game series.

Lopez broke a 1-all tie with his home run to left field with one out in the fifth against Pat Misch (0-2). That helped Joel Hanrahan (2-0) earn the win. He allowed one run

and seven hits in 5 1/3 innings.

Bonds broke Hank Aaron's record with his 756th career home run Tuesday night, then extended it with another homer Wednesday before getting some rest in the series finale. Instead of being treated to more milestones, the fans who showed up got to see a game between last-place teams. JOSH DUBOW (AP)

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REDSKINS | BY MATT SWENSON

Portis and Co. Shouldn't Play

CLINTON PORTIS HAS the right idea about training camp. He's just not participating in it.

Now, I'm not accusing the Redskins' star running back of faking his knee tendonitis. But, at the same time, Portis probably isn't losing much sleep over missing these August practices.

No. 26 doesn't need to prove anything at this point. All he needs to do is avoid injuries and pick some new personas for the upcoming season.

"Jerome From Southeast" was missed last season, as were all of Portis' other alter egos.

There's no tangible loss without the Thursday afternoon antics, yet the bland press conferences indicated just how little fun Portis was having.

Last year was a self-described disaster for Washington's top back. It started off horribly — with an injury in the first preseason game — and never got better.

When Portis is healthy, he's happy. That makes for a productive player who could be the key to a possible turnaround this season.

If it takes sitting out of training camp for that, that's fine.

There's no question the Redskins' biggest weakness is their depth. Reckless spending on suspect players such as Brandon Lloyd has left Washington vulnerable to injuries.

Having already suffered a scare with Chris Samuels, coach Joe Gibbs

There's no question the Redskins' biggest weakness is their depth.

should be wary about playing starters too much this preseason.

Samuels' line mate, Jon Jansen, for instance, may be better off on the sidelines until September.

There's no sense in losing the season now.

A little Portis now could mean a lot of "Jerome" later. Everyone's better off then.

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Entertainment Weekend

The Chan and Rock 'Rush Hour' routine is decidedly worn out

FILM | If "The Bourne Ultimatum" is the best of the summer threes, "Rush Hour 3" is easily the worst.

Director Brett Ratner, who built a career on this buddy cop franchise, has cobbled together a lazy and formulaic action comedy that is neither thrilling nor particularly funny.

"Rush Hour 3" doesn't work as social or political commentary either. Six years after "Rush Hour 2," which grossed \$329 million worldwide, it just feels as if everyone involved has been dragged back to cash in one more time.

The script from Jeff Nathanson ("Rush Hour 2") finds Chan's Inspector Lee and Tucker's LAPD Detective Carter reteaming after Chinese Ambassador Han (Tzi Ma) is shot by an assassin in Los Angeles. They're trying to determine who's behind an international crime ring known as the Triad, and they go on the hunt for the elusive leader Shy Shen.

But first, Lee discovers the



LOOK FAMILIAR? That's because you've seen it before in "Rush Hour" 1 and 2.

identity of the shooter after a lengthy foot chase through downtown L.A.: Conveniently, it's none other than Kenji (Hiroyuki Sanada), who happens to have been like

a brother to Lee when both were kids at a Chinese orphanage. Because Lee (like the guy playing him) is an inherently decent person, he can't pull the trigger

Stars Rise to the Occasion

An impressive cast makes fantasy flick 'Stardust' dazzling

FILM | "Stardust," a fairy tale for grown-ups, follows the adventures of a star that falls from the sky in the form of an ethereal blonde named Yvaine (Claire Danes), whose magical abilities make her the target of various people with nefarious plans.

But it's the return of a star you already know and haven't seen much of in recent years that will leave you

feeling dazzled.

Michelle Pfeiffer is deliciously evil as a witch who wants to cut out Yvaine's heart and eat it to gain eternal youth and beauty for herself and her sisters. (Well, mainly for herself.) She shows great comic timing and isn't afraid to play with her glamorous image, or look grotesque when her character, Lamia, is at her most decayed and desperate.

Rather, she seems to be reveling in such an unexpected turn, and the film's wildly vivid makeup and special effects bring her even more to life as Lamia morphs from wretched

when the time comes.

Instead, Lee jets to Paris to find out more, with Carter at his side like an overeager puppy dog. By now these guys could do this routine half-asleep (and sometimes it feels like they are). Tucker is wide-eyed and fast-talking, Chan is stoic and serious. In every fish-out-of-water situation they find themselves in, Tucker dances and jokes his way out of it, while Chan punches and kicks.

Their investigation takes them to a kung fu studio, where the duo takes on a giant who makes Yao Ming look like Earl Boykins. (The scene also includes the funniest moment in the movie, in which Carter takes part in a rapid-fire Chinese version of "Who's on First?")

The big, climactic showdown takes place — where else? — at the top of the Eiffel Tower, which has some vaguely effective vertigo moments but mostly looks computer-generated. And, of course, there are the obligatory outtakes during the closing credits.

In a weird turn, Roman Polanski appears in a couple of scenes as an overly invasive French detective. And Max von Sydow co-stars as the head of the World Criminal Court, who may or may not have international harmony in mind. If Ingmar Bergman hadn't just died, this probably would have killed him.

CHRISTY LEMIRE (AP)



MC LYTE

Native Daughter: D.C.'s own MC Lyte headlines the Can a Sista Rock a Mic? grand finale at Zanzibar on Sunday. | 19

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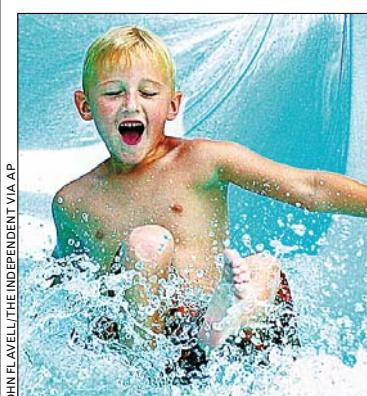
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It's too hot! Do you have any recommendations for water parks or other "cool-down" activities in the area?

My favorite of the bunch is Great Waves in Alexandria — mostly because of its proximity to D.C. Water Mine in Reston isn't a bad option either.

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This kid's got the right idea. Beat the heat at a waterpark this weekend.

Do you know of anywhere other than Club Five to hear house music?

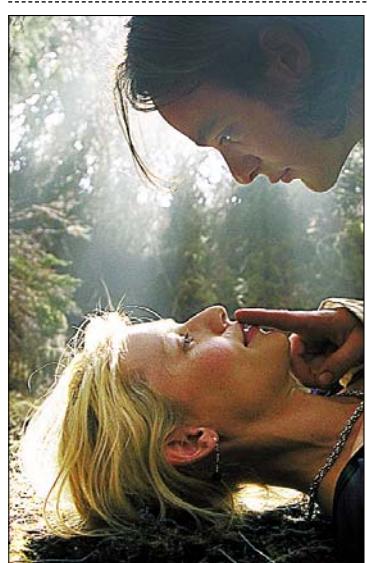
Five's the big, popular spot, but if you look around, you'll find house at Gua-Rapo (same owner as Gazuza and Chi-Cha Lounge) in Arlington and Science Club near Dupont, among others. Selam is coming back, too, so that might be worth keeping an eye on.

→ *Gua-Rapo, 2039 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-528-6500. (Courthouse)*

→ *Science Club, 1136 19th St. NW; 202-775-0747. (Farragut West)*

→ *Selam, 1524 U St. NW; 202-462-4758. (U St.-Cardozo)*

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PARAMOUNT PICTURES

Claire Danes plays a fallen star turned celestial babe in the fanciful "Stardust."

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

The Can a Sista Rock a Mic? festival features a diva throwdown tonight, as four sets of amazing pipes converge on **REPUBLIC GARDENS**. Carol Riddick is the latest singer to move from providing Jill Scott's background vocals to a solo career. (Vivian Green's the only one to have much success with the switch.) Purple Saint James got her start here at Duke Ellington School of the Arts before recording extensively with Little Brother, Nicolay and Marcus Johnson's roster of artists. Alison Carney has been popping up on the D.C. scene as one to watch, most recently as a featured performer at Jon Laine's Dilla tribute. Sy Smith is another Washington native who dropped a great solo record in between gigs writing music for television and film and gigging in Los Angeles. After the ladies blow the roof off, stick around for the hip-hop sounds of Qool DJ Uncle Q and Cuzzin B.

On July 17, local punk icon John Stabb, former frontman for straight-edge pioneers Government Issue, was viciously assaulted by a group of teenagers just a block from his Maryland home. (Stabb himself gives a good-natured, but graphic account of the attack here.) Unfortunately, his insurance will not adequately cover the costs of the extensive facial surgery that was necessary; Stabb now has half a dozen titanium plates in his face and will be on a liquid diet for at least a few weeks. The first of many benefits to help raise money for Stabb will take place tonight at the **VELVET LOUNGE** with a diverse lineup that includes former Dag Nasty vocalist Dave Smalley, local garage rockers the Saviours, reunited shoegazers Lorelei, D.C. percussionist du jour Jerry Busher and more. For more information and to make a donation via PayPal, visit this Web site: <http://members.aol.com/johnstabbbbenefit/>.

Amel Larrieux combines a jazz stylist's timing with operatic range and a taste for modern nu-soul grooves. Her ballads can be ultra-



HEAVYWEIGHT: Check out female hip-hop giant MC Lyte at Zanzibar on Sunday.

sweet or emotionally wrenching, and her mid-tempo tunes scratch that itch for a smooth sound with some snap to it. From her work with Sade's band Sweetback to four solo albums and her early hits with Groove Theory, she has a lot of great material to work her magic on at the **9:30 CLUB** tonight.

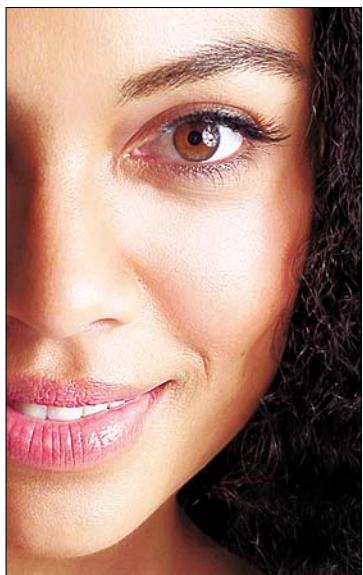
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SUNDAY

After an appearance on HBO's Def Poetry Jam and recognition at last year's VH1 Hip-Hop Honors, MC Lyte is experiencing a resurgence of the type of attention she's always deserved. Two decades ago, Lyte emerged as the younger sister of Audio Two of "Top Billin" fame. She showed range early with a venomous battle record ("10% Dis") and a story rap about a drug-addicted lover ("I Cram to Understand U"). Her string of classics extended into the early '90s before the pop music machine began to prefer female rappers who showed flesh over lyrical dexterity. Fittingly, MC Lyte headlines out the Can a Sista Rock a Mic? grand finale at **ZANZIBAR** tonight.



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ARCTIC TALE (G, 85 minutes) Essentially, this movie (a production of National Geographic Films) reprises — in fact, one-ups — the user-friendliness that co-producer Adam Leipzig brought to "March of the Penguins," the wildlife documentary about penguins. This film doesn't pretend to be a straight-ahead documentary. It's billed as a "wildlife adventure," with an off-screen Queen Latifah playing the movie's "storyteller," a reassuring, lighthearted narrator who provides cutesy commentary (targeted at youthful moviegoers) about nature's hardships and more amusing aspects. Co-directed by husband-and-wife team Adam Ravetch and Sarah Robertson, it is as charming as it is instructive. And even though the movie has manipulated its story — the two animals are composites of different bears and walrus-



her sister Cassandra in which she admitted to flirting with a visiting Irish law student named Tom Lefroy. But there's no account anywhere of an actual crazed, frenzied, heavy-breathing affair, as the movie imagines. So, I expect the Janeites who love the author will feel themselves ill-served by the film. As for the rest of us, the question is simpler: Is it worth the eight bucks? Yes, primarily on the basis of performance. It gives Anne Hathaway a chance to show herself off more delightfully than she did in "The Devil Wears Prada," while allowing James McAvoy to get himself even closer to the coveted rank of A-list stud. (SH)

THE BOURNE ULTIMATUM (PG-13, 110 minutes) This is not a movie, it's a trip through a gun barrel at the head of a cloud of exploding gas, and you end up splattered against a wall, then sliding into the dust with the sound of the drums ringing in your head for hours. The third in the series of films derived from novels by the late Robert Ludlum starring Matt Damon, it is the second to be directed by Paul Greengrass, the brilliant Brit who, like everybody affiliated with the project, is much too good for it. Other luminar-

COLD-WEATHER FRIENDS: The makers of "Arctic Tale" captured polar bears and walruses on film for us to ooh and aah over.

es — its images are as real as they are enchanting. (DT)

BECOMING JANE (PG, 115 minutes) Little-known facts about the brilliant English

Regency novelist Jane Austen: She was (a) a babe; (b) a hot dancer; (c) a Girl Who Just Wanted to Have Fun. That's the argument of this film, which

manages to be both literate and wacky. The movie, earnest and not quite charmless, takes off from a brief surviving couple of passages in letters Austen wrote to

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ies whose careers will be tarnished by this express train without destination include Damon himself, grown grave and tragic in his mid-30s, Julia Stiles, Joan Allen, David Strathairn and Scott Glenn. It's frenetic to the point of crazy while achieving a mark that barely exceeds mediocre. (SH)

BRATZ: THE MOVIE (PG, 98 minutes) This is a movie for a grade-schooler's — a female grade-schooler's — sensibility. It's earnest, silly and sweet, with just enough food fights and musical numbers to keep everyone else from gagging on the goo. With Bratz, young girls get to live vicariously through the lives of Yasmin (Natalia Ramos), Jade (Janel Parrish), Sasha (Logan Browning) and Cloe (Skyler Shaye), four carefully cast, ethnically diverse BFF. They are united in their love for each other and their love of outrageously coordinated clothing — until their first day of high school, when they are split apart by the caste system known as the high school clique. Of course, it's just a matter of time — time filled with singing, dancing and cheerleader routines — before the Bratz learn that (eureka!) "friendship is a big deal!"

TERESA WILTZ

BROKEN ENGLISH (PG-13, 93 minutes) Zoe Cassavetes honorably carries on the family tradition of spontaneous, improvisatory comic drama in this downbeat romantic comedy starring Parker Posey. Like her dad, John, Cassavetes proves fluent in using filmmaking technology (in this case, high-definition video) in the service of intimate, often painfully funny storytelling. Posey, as Nora Wilder, a Manhattan hotel manager in her 30s confronting middle age as a singleton, positively nails the perverse combination of longing and ambivalence that keeps her character perpetually stalled. Until, that is, she meets Julien (Melvil Poupaud), a rakish Frenchman in New York for a visit. (DT)

DAVID & LAYLA (R, 108 minutes) Take the star-crossed romance of "Romeo and Juliet," add some graphic sexual humor a la "The 40-Year-Old Virgin" and toss into the crucible of Middle East politics, and you get this a frothy little romantic comedy starring David Moscow and Shiva Rose. Moscow plays David Fine, the host of a New York cable TV show: While he's conducting his horn-dog-on-the-street interviews, he becomes smitten with Layla (Rose), a beguiling, be-veiled Iraqi Kurd who barely gives him a second glance. But David persists, and soon the two are introducing each other to their respective families and explaining that David is converting to Islam. If the film sometimes feels more staged than lived, it can't be accused of insincerity. The two leads are



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"**INTERVIEW**," DIRECTED by Steve Buscemi, centers on an intense, one-on-one conversation between a veteran war correspondent (Buscemi) and starlet (Sienna Miller). The interview gets off to a bad start when the starlet shows up an hour late, then devolves from there. But the premise, which may have worked in Holland, gets a little lost in the American translation. It's not that you can't see these two engaging in a high stakes, cat-and-mouse showdown — it's just that you really can't imagine her publicist allowing it. Still, Miller is very good at playing the actress people underestimate at their own peril. (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

suitably appealing, especially the lovely Rose. And look for the always wonderful Callie Thorne as David's erstwhile fiancée; every scene she's in crackles with unhinged hilarity. (AH)

EL CANTANTE (R, 116 minutes) It's impossible to watch this movie about the late salsa singer Héctor Lavoe and his domineering wife, Puchi, without reflecting on the movie's associations with the life of superstar Marc Anthony and his real-life wife, Jennifer Lopez. Lopez produced the film presumably as the same kind of breakout vehicle for her husband that the 1997 musical biopic "Selena" was for her. Ironically, Lavoe's sad story — after revolutionizing the music world by inventing salsa with band leader Willie Colón in the 1970s, he became addicted to drugs and died of AIDS in 1993 — serves mostly to remind viewers that Lopez is still the dazzling force of nature that burst onto the screen a scant 10 years ago. She steals the show, whether she's shaking her booty for a zoned-out husband or delivering a classic "I'm not going" soliloquy. (AH)

GOYA'S GHOSTS (R, 114 minutes)

Handsome but stilted, this movie centers on the great painter Goya (Stellan Skarsgård), whose subject, an evil priest (Javier Bardem), uses his Inquisition powers to torment and rape a beautiful young woman (Natalie Portman), then flees to France when he's exposed by her family. Fifteen years later, he returns to Spain and under Napoleon's sponsorship runs an inquisition against the Inquisition. The tropes are familiar: The same people keep running into each other, every now and then a war breaks out, and justice is finally paid out. Goya witnesses the political ups and downs, but the movie isn't really about him. The best sequence is a montage that takes the artist through the horrors of war, and we can see the images that drove his famous series of drawings. Typically, it has nothing to do with the drama. (AH)

HAIRSPRAY (PG, 107 minutes) The real star of this genially peppy movie version of the musical is a guy you probably have never heard of: Adam Shankman, the film's director-choreographer. His staging of the ardent and

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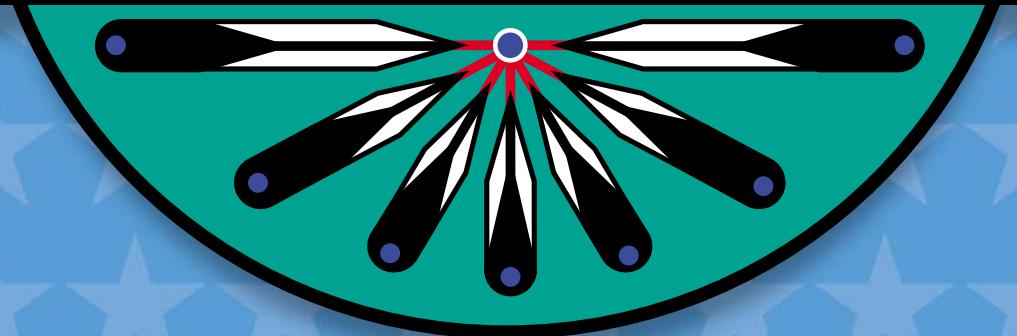
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irreverent rock-and-roll numbers teases the screen with the brash colors of youth and hope. And the actors playing the teenyboppers from Elijah Kelley's Seaweed to the Tracy Turnblad of Nikki Blonsky commandingly bottle the adolescent exuberance that is Shankman's ace-in-the-hole. Shankman wisely has the kids dance, and dance some more. In the racially divided Baltimore that the movie depicts, it's music that is the equalizer. (AH)

HARRY POTTER AND THE ORDER OF THE PHOENIX (PG-13, 138 minutes) This is one of the most pleasurable films in the series, offering a passel of darkly compelling distractions. And in Daniel Radcliffe, Potterphiles can still enjoy the bespectacled, wiry hero, as he contends with the bureaucratic evil of the Ministry of Magic, the prospect of nemesis Lord Voldemort's return and his first romantic kiss — with Cho (Katie Leung), the demure student who's clearly sweet on him. The fifth Potter film has trimmed Rowling's garrulous, character-crowded novel into an urgently paced thriller that modulates adroitly between psychological darkness and cartoonish slapstick. But British director David Yates and screenwriter Michael Goldenberg, both newcomers to the franchise, have not cut away the story's powerful thematic underpinnings. (DT)

HOT ROD (PG-13, 88 minutes) This should have been a breakout screen debut for comedic performer-writer Andy Samberg of "Saturday Night Live." But the movie is only fitfully amusing. More often, it feels like a mediocre attempt to reprise the central elements of the infinitely funnier "Napoleon Dynamite." As the inept stuntman Rod Kimble, Samberg is clearly meant to invoke the goofy sweetness of Jon Heder's Napoleon. And his shimmering mission, to raise money for his ailing stepfather by clearing 15 school buses on a moped, is meant to evoke the sentimental aspiration of Napoleon to help his laconic friend, Pedro, win a school election for president. But the movie's a disappointing amalgam of sight gags (some quite funny, others not), boring story elements and casting letdowns. There's no question Samberg has a future in movie comedy, but this caper amounts to a false start. (DT)

I KNOW WHO KILLED ME (R, 105 minutes) This movie, starring Lindsay Lohan, is a credible piece of pop entertainment of the hottie-in-distress genre. The genre is no favorite of critics or responsible adults,

who have no desire to observe its conventions — lots of pain, torture and bondage suffered by said hottie, followed by righteously administered way-cool death to perpetrator — but if you accept those conventions, the movie delivers on them in a trim, if violent, package and gives Lohan a chance to show she knows a little something about the acting trade. (SH)

I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU CHUCK AND LARRY (PG-13, 115 minutes) This movie stars Adam Sandler and Kevin James as firefighters forced into a gay marriage of convenience. Essentially, the movie is an oafish chance for audiences to laugh at gay-bashing jokes and then feel morally redeemed for doing so courtesy of an obligatory wrap-up scene that reminds us that homosexuals are humans, too. Sandler returns to the comedic operating procedure that in films ranging from charming ("The Wedding Singer") to moronic ("Little Nicky") has made him a rich man. PHILIP KENNICOTT

KNOCKED UP (R, 125 minutes) Katherine Heigl (TV's "Grey's Anatomy") plays Alison, an up-and-coming TV executive who, celebrating her promotion one night, gets drunk and ends up in bed with a dumpy slacker named Ben, played by Seth Rogen. There's a big misunderstanding about a condom, and, bingo, their one-night stand turns into a nine-month nightmare of facing the music and growing up fast. What a drag, except that in the hands of Judd Apatow ("Freaks and Geeks," "The 40-Year-Old Virgin"), this movie turns out to be not just rude, crude and outrageously funny but a deceptively sophisticated meditation on moral agency -- with pot jokes! (AH)

LA VIE EN ROSE (PG-13, 103 minutes) This sprawling and passionate film about the miserable life of French singing idol Edith Piaf ought to be a lousy movie. It commits too many of the sins of the hackneyed biopic about an artist, verging on melodrama at times while flirting with the dubious proposition that great pain drives great art. There are awful, silly scenes that ought to be on the cutting-room floor. But they work. Olivier Dahan's film is both faithful to and freewheeling with the facts of Piaf's life. (PK)

LIVE FREE OR DIE HARD (PG-13, 130 minutes) An angry webmaster and his hacker minions are busy executing a systemwide monkey wrench that will bring the entire country to its techno-dependent knees. The FBI, on the trail of hacker minion Matt Farrell (Justin Long), asks New York cop John McClane (Bruce Willis) to bring him in for questioning. Thus does Our Man McClane, who began offing terrorists 19 years ago in the very first "Die Hard" (this is the fourth), find himself doing battle with the new cyber-version of the bad-



lives for work. One day his business partner, Catherine (Julie Gayet), points out that he is friendless. She proposes a bet: In 10 days, if he cannot produce his best friend, a certain expensive antiquity of his will become hers. Thus he begins his attempt to make friends. It's hilarious because he has no feel for this sort of thing. This is comic if pathetic to us, melancholy to him but weirdly moving to one man — his cabdriver Bruno (Dany Boon). (SH)

NO END IN SIGHT (Unrated, 102 minutes) This film by Charles Ferguson is a furious, if quietly stated, indictment of the president and all his men in re the debacle that our adventure in Iraq has become. Ferguson builds a compelling case of bad judgment, error, stubbornness and arrogance. It's also, most impressively, an evocation of that horror. Ferguson, a Brookings Institution scholar and software entrepreneur, has rounded up mostly mid-level bureaucrats who served in the occupation and watched in horror as the chaos doubled and redoubled. They form an effective set of witnesses because they don't seem instinctively anti-Bush. The case everybody makes seems pretty tight, and Ferguson keeps it simple. In all this, Bush is portrayed not as a master manipulator, nor as Karl Rove's sock puppet, but as a man truly

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CALLING ALL AUSTENITES: In "Becoming Jane," Anne Hathaway portrays a young Jane Austen hopelessly in love with an Irish law student named Tom Lefroy.

dies, as he and Matt wend their way down I-95 to Washington while the entire country's transportation, communication and utility systems go blooey. (AH)

MY BEST FRIEND (PG-13, 94 minutes) If you want a friend in Washington, get a dog, but if you want a friend in Paris, get

a checkbook. That's the gist of Patrice Leconte's cynical-to-sentimental arc of a story upon which the clever Frenchman's new film is built. Most people in this town will recognize Leconte's hero, Francois Coste, not because he's played by the brilliant Daniel Auteuil but because he

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disengaged. (SH)

NO RESERVATIONS (PG, 105 minutes)

This movie, starring Catherine Zeta-Jones as a coldly perfectionist chef and Aaron Eckhart as the new sous-chef who melts her with his spicy goodness, is a master class in semi-home-made cooking. You extract the leftover, not-half-bad foreign film (2002's "Mostly Martha") and run it through the mixer, put it over the flame and serve with two movie stars who could both use a hit. Jones,

as Kate Armstrong, runs the kitchen at one of those picture-perfect Manhattan restaurants. The food is terrific, but the chef is too frosty. Quickly enough, her sister is killed and her niece, Zoe (Abigail Breslin), comes to live with her, but Kate is incapable of relating to a child. Thank goodness a handsome man comes along. HANK STUEVER

ONCE (R, 85 minutes) Glen Hansard, of the Irish band the Frames, makes an improbably electrifying screen debut in this sweet, small musical set in Dublin. Director John Carney puts Hansard and his lovely co-star, the Czech singer Marketa Irglova, in various settings — an instrument shop, a winey dinner

party, the back of a bus — where breaking into song makes a certain amount of sense. Even the uninitiated will be hard-pressed to resist the movie's charms, from its likable leading players and its charming Dublin setting to its wistful take on modern love. (AH)

RATATOUILLE (G, 110 minutes)

A production of Walt Disney and Pixar Animation Studios, this movie has a three-dimensional, so-real-you-can-touch-it quality, with characters that seem more like tactile puppets than two-dimensional beings. And it harks back to Disney's older era, when cartoons seemed part of a more elegant world with less edgy characters. Remy (voice of Patton Oswalt)

is a rat with a gourmet's sense of taste and smell, a skill set that means nothing to his fellow scavengers. When he becomes fixated with the writings of celebrated master chef Gusteau, his heart swells with grand purpose. (DT)

RESCUE DAWN (PG-13, 126 minutes)

There's a sense of austerity underlying Werner Herzog's fictionalized adaptation of his own 1997 documentary, "Little Dieter Needs to Fly." The new movie stars Christian Bale as Dieter Dengler, a Navy pilot who was shot down over Laos in 1966 and then masterminded a brilliant escape from a guerrilla prison camp. Fears that Dengler's breathtaking story would be reduced to just another summertime

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blockbuster were only partially allayed by the fact that Herzog himself would be responsible for the elisions, compressions and necessary compromises involved in shoehorning a complicated true story into a neat, three-act structure. (AH)

SICKO (PG-13, 113 minutes) Michael Moore's investigation into and indictment of the U.S. health-care system turns out to be a fuzzy, toothless collection of anecdotes, a few stunts and a bromide-rich conclusion. The problem:

He never goes for the big picture. He has some fun (and gives some fun) with what might be called inciting incidents—metaphorical examples, up-close-and-personals with the aggrieved, some muckraking and the like. But in the end, it's as if he's afraid of losing his audiences with charts, numbers and assessments from neutral sources. Moore never interviews actual veterans of the system: doctors, nurses, administrators—only the victims. Thus we get a bottom-up, not a top-down or a full-frontal view of the creaking system. (SH)

THE SIMPSONS MOVIE (PG-13, 87 minutes) This merry celebration of mayhem, hostility, carnage, wanton destruction,

power lust, dysfunction, nihilism and the proper application of gigantic plastic domes to American cities will certainly satisfy those who've seen all 400-odd episodes of the TV show twice, as well as those who've glimpsed it only during a transmigration to more sports programming. Homer has acquired a pig, and he loves the pig more than his family. The problem with the pig is that what goes in must come out, alchemized by pig amino acids into a foul putrescence that's about the density of depleted uranium. What to do with this stuff? Homer packs it up and takes it to Springfield's lake. Instant eco-catastrophe. The cartoonish plot continues from there, held together by an inter-

nal logic whose flimsiness is part of the joke. The genius is in the writing and in keeping all gambits created by the individual writers in sync, so the piece has a tonal consistency and a narrative flow. A lost art in Hollywood? It's really one of the best movies of the year. (SH)

SUNSHINE (R, 108 minutes) Director Danny Boyle's visually radiant tale is two-thirds of a great sci-fi flick, dimming in the final act, when its thoughtful early tone gives way to frenzied action and unoriginal twists. Set in 2057, the film takes place aboard a spaceship whose crew of eight have the most important mission in human history: Save life on Earth by reigniting the dying sun. Boyle

quickly establishes an engrossing dynamic among the crew, but the film's dramatic intensity wanes as the action heats up into a ferocious jumble toward the finish.

DAVID GERMAIN (AP)

TALK TO ME (R, 120 minutes) Presidents come and go, as do parties, issues, wars, crises and even movie critics, but for the longest time, one thing in Washington was as solid as the pillars at Treasury: This was Petey Greene's town. He stayed, he lasted, he endured, and only death moved him along. Ralph Waldo "Petey" Greene, talk-show host, community activist, TV star, had a big, fast, funny mouth, and he rode it a long way, from prison to

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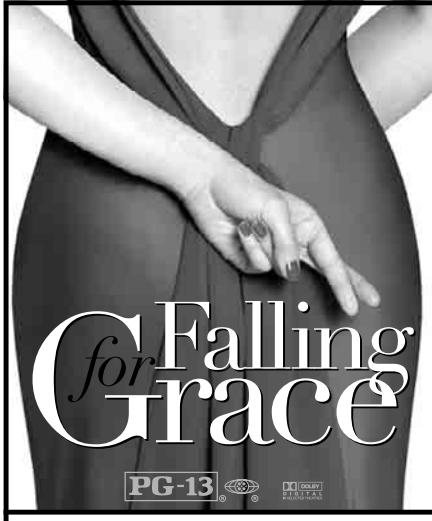
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fame. This movie tells that story, and it makes you feel not only the joy people experienced in the wash of Greene's raucous, truth-saying humor but also his wisdom and calm. (sh)

THE TEN (R, 95 minutes) The prospect of such actors as Paul Rudd, Liev Schreiber, Rob Corddry and Winona Ryder starring in a series of short comic films based on the Ten Commandments brings two words to mind: can't miss. Which bring two more words to mind: expectation management. An uneven, sophomoric and only fitfully funny omnibus of skits, this movie is one of those silly-on-purpose ensemble exercises that must have been wildly fun to make. But despite its gifted cast, it never breaks out of jejune noodling and into something truly provocative. Instead, this larky, snarky stunt serves as an apt parable for the First Commandment of Cinema: Thou Shalt Not Get Thy Hopes Up. (ah)

TRANSFORMERS (PG-13, 144 minutes) Director Michael Bay has superbly universalized the Transformers franchise, a behemoth of a subculture that includes an animated television series, comic books, a line of toys, a movie and Japanese TV spinoffs. This movie has some of the best action sequences you'll see all summer, but it's about

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GOOD TO BE BOURNE: Matt Damon takes a third turn as the amnesic former CIA operative Jason Bourne in the critically acclaimed "Bourne Ultimatum."

more than explosions and robots. It's also a warmly appealing comedy centered on delightfully jittery teenager Sam Witwicky (Shia LaBeouf), who has to not only save the world but also watch for the facial blemishes and dorky moves that might jeopardize his other pressing project: getting into the good graces of comely new companion Mikaela Banes (Megan Fox). (sh)

WHO'S YOUR CADDY (PG-13, 93 minutes)

Black people playing golf? Outrageous!

That seems to be the unbelievably lame

setup of this offensive, comedy-free

comedy about a world-famous rapper (OutKast's Antwan "Big Boi" Patton)

who joins a stuffy (read: white) country club. The film goes for laughs and doesn't get any, as the rapper, known as C-Note, and his unruly entourage wreak all kinds of havoc upon the exclusive club. The racial stereotyping is a constant, and it's the type of comedy that relies on plenty of bathroom humor and the inevitable golf-ball-landing-in-the-crotch scene. JOHN MAYNARD

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| FRI 8/17 | JUNIOR LEAGUE w/ The Old Ceremony, Unwed Sailor, John Pringle
LEAVE THE LIGHTS ON! at The Hotel Bar from Djs Ken and Adam |
| SAT 8/18 | Garutachi Presents: SERVICES (LIVE) w/ Ris Richards + the Richmond Takeover: Eyecue + Longjaws + Othello |
| SUN 8/19 | THE HUSH SOUND w/ My Favorite Highway, Lemonface |
| TUE 8/21 | STEREO TOTAL w/ The Octopus Project, Fever |
| THU 8/23 | NORTHERN STATE |
| FRI 8/24 | THE TEETH w/ These United States, J Roddy Walston & the Business, Deleted Scenes |
| SAT 8/25 | ROCK AND ROLL HOTEL 1 YEAR ANNIVERSARY PARTY!
Guest Host and Party Starter: ANDREW W.K. w/ The Whips, Earl Greyhound, The Big Sleep, The Points |
| SUN 8/26 | BEACH HOUSE w/ Papercuts, Tiny Vipers |
| WED 8/29 | HELIX BOYZ |
| THU 8/30 | YEMOLOGY : A breast cancer benefit with Empire By Design, Sitali Band, Omega Band, Mache Tres, Ardalplus / Rosetta Stoned, DJ Telephone Hooker |
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THEY WANT SOME ANSWERS! The final episode of the first season of HBO's "John From Cincinnati" airs on Sunday. Viewers who have been watching all season hope to gain any information that might explain what the series is about.

Television

ON TV THIS WEEKEND

HIGH FIDELITY

A slacker (Jack Black) inspires preschool students in the 2003 comedy **SCHOOL OF ROCK** (8 p.m., Fox, Fri.).

USE WIPES

The birds and the bees on **MONK** (9 p.m., USA, Fri.).

'CELEBRITY'

Once and former bold-faced names, including Vanilla Ice, Leif Garrett and Stephen Baldwin, climb in a dangerous saddle on **TY MURRAY'S CELEBRITY BULL-RIDING CHALLENGE** (9 p.m., CMT, Fri.).

GONNA SAVE EVERY ONE OF US

The comic book adventure **FLASH GORDON** (9 p.m., Sci Fi, Fri.) receives an update for 21st-century television.

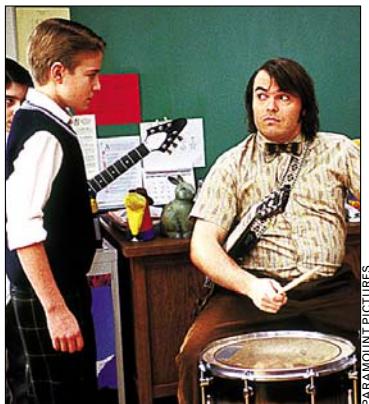
HE SHOULD TRY D.C.

SURVIVORMAN (9 p.m., Discovery, Fri.)

enters its second season with host Les Stroud battling the 140°F heat of the Kalahari Desert.

VOYEURISM

GOING TRIBAL (10 p.m., Discovery, Fri.) enters a new season with Bruce Parry



ingratiating himself among the Matia tribe, located in a remote area of Brazil.

ALL SORTS OF FUNNY

Denis Leary and Flight of the Conchords appear on **LATE SHOW WITH DAVID LETTERMAN** (11:35 p.m., CBS, Fri.)

WE SMELL LOHAN

One day at a time never ends on **OUT OF CONTROL: 10 CELEB REHABS EXPOSED** (5 p.m., E!, Sat.).

TALE OF AN EASY LIFE

VANESSA WILLIAMS: THE TRUE HOLLYWOOD STORY (6 p.m., E!, Sat.) surveys a career from Miss America to "Ugly Betty."

SWEET, SWEET DISCO

NY77: THE COOLEST YEAR IN HELL (9 p.m., VH1, Sat.) glances back at a time, 30 years in our past, when a squalid, dirty city on the brink of chaos spawned at least three musical movements and several distinct subcultures that would influence music and popular culture for years to come.

GIT 'ER DONE, 60 MINUTES

Scheduled on **60 MINUTES** (7 p.m., CBS, Sun.) an escape from Darfur; hip-hop and the snitch factor; Larry the Cable Guy.

SLEUTH

Jack sees undercover action in Hungary and Cuba on **THE COMPANY** (8 p.m., TNT, Sun.), part two of three.

BUT YOU HAVE NO IDEA

If you think you know everything about the life and death of Princess Diana, the docudrama **DIANA: LAST DAYS OF A PRINCESS** (8 p.m., TLC, Sun.) will set you straight.

DON'T WE ALL

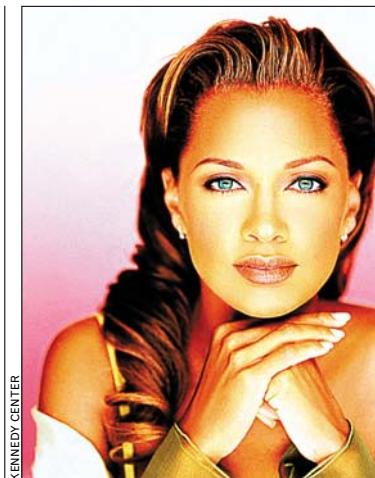
Hannah wants the truth known on **ARMY WIVES** (10 p.m., Lifetime, Sun.).

DANGER PAYS

A race against time and bad weather on **ICE ROAD TRUCKERS** (10 p.m., History, Sun.).

PUTTING IT TO MUSIC

Rejection and solace on **FLIGHT OF**



ITS TOUGH BEING PRETTY! Vanessa Williams explains why on Saturday.

THE CONCHORDS (10:30 p.m., HBO, Sun.). KEVIN McDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

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WTTG (5)	Seinfeld (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	The Simpsons (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	★★★ "The School of Rock" (2003) Jack Black, Joan Cusack (CC)				News (N)		News (N)	Every-Raymond
WJLA (7)	News (N) CC	ABC Wld News	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy! (CC)	Set for Life (N) (CC)	George Lopez (CC)	George Lopez (CC)	20/20 (N) (CC)		News (N) CC	(35) Nightline (N)	
WUSA (9)	News (N) CC	Evening News	News	Entertainment	NFL Preseason Football Buffalo Bills at New Orleans Saints. From the Louisiana Superdome in New Orleans. (CC)				News (N) CC	Late Show		
WDCA (20)	Judge Judy (CC)	Judge Joe Brown	Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	★★★ "Whale Rider" (2002) Keisha Castle-Hughes, Rawiri Paratene. (CC)			Still Standing (CC)	Still Standing (CC)	Malcolm-Mid.	Malcolm-Mid.	
WMPT (22)	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Business Rpt.	State Circle	Washington Week (N) (CC)	Bill Moyers Journal (N) (CC)	Bill Moyers Journal (N) (CC)	Mystery! "The Adventures of Sherlock Holmes" (CC)				Smart Travels	
WETA (26)	BBC World News	Business Rpt.	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N)	Washington Week	Inside Wash.	Bill Moyers Journal (N) (CC)	Bruce Springsteen With the Sessions Band				Last of the Breed	
WHUT (32)	White House	Tavis Smiley (CC)	BBC World News	Moneywise	Eve. Exchange	To the Contrary	History Detectives (CC)	BBC World News	Tavis Smiley (CC)	Charlie Rose (N) (CC)		
WDCW (50)	My Wife and Kids	My Wife and Kids	Friends (CC)	Friends (CC)	WWE Friday Night SmackDown! (N) (CC)			Will & Grace (CC)	Will & Grace (CC)	Sex and the City	Sex and the City	
BASIC CABLE												
A&E	Cold Case Files "Manhunt" (CC)	CSI: Miami "Identity" (CC)	CSI: Miami "Nothing to Lose" (CC)	CSI: Miami "Nothing to Lose" (CC)	CSI: Miami "Nothing to Lose" (CC)	Intervention "Coley" (CC)	Crystal meth. (N)	Intervention Jacob abuses drugs.				
Animal	The Crocodile Hunter Diaries (CC)	The Planet's Funniest Animals (CC)	Meerkat Manor	Meerkat Manor	It's Me or the Dog (CC)	It's Me or the Dog (CC)	Animal Cops Detroit	An injured cat.				The Planet's Funniest Animals (CC)
BET	106 & Park: BET's Top 10 Live	Top 10 countdown. (N)	Hell Date (N)	Run's House (CC)	★★ "Snipes" (2001) Sam Jones III. Thugs chase a teen they think kidnapped a rap artist. (CC)							Take the Cake (Live) (CC)
Bravo	★★★ "The Godfather" (1972, Drama) Marlon Brando, Al Pacino, James Caan. A mafia patriarch tries to hold his empire together. (CC)						★★★ "The Godfather, Part II" (1974) Al Pacino, Robert Duvall. (CC)					
Comedy	(5:00) ★ "Drive Me Crazy" (1999)	Scrubs (CC)	Scrubs (CC)	Daily Show	Colbert Report	Dave Chappelle: Killin' Them Softly	Chappelle's Show	Chappelle's Show	South Park (CC)	South Park (CC)		
Court	World's Wildest Police Videos (CC)	Cops "Atlanta" (CC)	Cops "Atlanta" (CC)	Inside "Alaska's Toughest Prison" (N)	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	Forensic Files	North Mission				The Investigators "Hedgecases" (CC)
Discovery	Cash Cab (CC)	Cash Cab (CC)	Survivorman (CC)	Lobstermen: Jeopardy at Sea (CC)	Survivorman (N)		Going Tribal (N)					Survivorman (CC)
DISCH	Code Blue "Out of the Darkness"	Impact: Stories of Survival (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (CC)	Dr. G: Medical Examiner (CC)					
Disney	Hannah Montana (N)	Hannah Montana (N)	Zack & Cody	★★ "Ella Enchanted" (2004) Anne Hathaway, Hugh Dancy, Cary Elwes.		That's So Raven	Life With Derek	Zack & Cody	Hannah Montana			
E!	Simple Life	Simple Life	E! News (N)	The Daily 10 (N)	Chelsea Lately	Girl Next Door	D. 90210 Adult film star.	The Soup News.	Court Show	E! News	Chelsea Lately (N)	
FX	★★ "Undisputed" (2002, Drama) Wesley Snipes, Ving Rhames, Peter Falk.	"Undisputed II: Last Man Standing" (2006) Michael Jai White, Scott Adkins.				That '70s Show	That '70s Show	Rescue Me "Solo"				
HGTV	Look What I Did!	Extreme Homes	If Walls Could	House Hunters	Designed to Sell	Buy Me (CC)	Design Star "Dueling Kitchens"	House Hunters	House Hunters	Get It Sold		Parents House
Family	8 Simple Rules (CC)	8 Simple Rules (CC)	Grounded for Life	Grounded for Life	★★★ "A League of Their Own" (1992) Tom Hanks. A women's professional baseball league debuts in 1943. (CC)							The 700 Club (CC)
History	Mail Call (CC)	Our Generation	Modern Marvels: Oil Tankers (CC)		Modern Marvels Allied secrets. (CC)	Dogfights	Israeli air force. (N) (CC)	Human Weapon Savate. (N) (CC)				Journey to the Center of the World
Lifetime	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	Still Standing (CC)	Still Standing (CC)	Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	"Reckless Behavior: Caught on Tape" (2007) Antonio Sabato Jr. (CC)					Grey's Anatomy (CC)
MTV	Making the Band 4	Donnie struggles.	Making the Band 4 (CC)		Making the Band 4 Diddy deliberates.	The Real World "Sydney" (CC)	★ "Can't Hardly Wait" (1998, Comedy) Jennifer Love Hewitt. Premiere. (CC)					
NICK	Zoey 101 (CC)	Ned's School	Fairly OddParents	Jimmy Neutron	Zoey 101 (N) (CC)	Just Jordan (N)	Drake & Josh (CC)	Unfabulous (N) (CC)	Home Videos	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)	Roseanne (CC)
SCIIFI	Stargate SG-1 "Enemies" (CC)	Stargate SG-1 "Counter Strike" (CC)	Doctor Who (N) (CC)		Flash Gordon "Pilot" Mysterious device.							Flash Gordon "Pilot" Mysterious device.
SPIKE	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (CC)	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation (CC)	★★ "Heartbreak Ridge" (1986, War) Clint Eastwood. Marine sergeant sees ex-wife, readies recruits for Grenada.							
TBS	Seinfeld (CC)	Seinfeld (CC)	Every-Raymond	MLB Baseball Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies. From Citizens Bank Park in Philadelphia. (Subject to Blackout)			★★ "Pay It Forward" (2000, Drama) Kevin Spacey. (CC)					
TLC	Flip That House	Flip That House	A Model Life "Model Behavior"		What Not to Wear Music teacher.	What Not to Wear Weight loss. (CC)	A Model Life "Model Motivation" (N)	What Not to Wear Weight loss. (CC)				
TNT	(2:00) Golf PGA Championship -- Second Round. (Live) (CC)				★★★ "Open Range" (2003) Robert Duvall. Premiere. Cattle herdsman battle a ruthless rancher in 1882. (CC)				(10:55) ★ "Fire Down Below" (CC)			
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (CC)	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit (CC)	Monk (N) (CC)			Psych (N) (CC)					House "Insensitive" (CC)
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AMC	(5:00) ★★ "High Plains Drifter" (R)	Mad Men	Don is alienated.		★★ "The Quick and the Dead" (1995, Western) Sharon Stone. (R)		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)					
TCM	Tower of London	★★★ "House of Usher" (1960) Vincent Price. 'NR'			★★ "The Pit and the Pendulum" (1961) Vincent Price.	★★ "Tales of Terror" (1962, Horror) Vincent Price. 'NR'						(15) "The Masque of the Red Death"
HBO	(5:15) ★★ "The Perfect Man" (2005)	Hard Knocks Training Camp			★★ "My Super Ex-Girlfriend" (2006) Uma Thurman. (CC)	El Cantante	Entourage (CC)	Entourage (CC)				Fit-Conchords John-Cincin.
MAX	Do-Right Thing	★★★ "Slither" (2006, Horror) Nathan Fillion. (CC)			(15) ★★ "Jet Li's Fearless" (2006, Action) Jet Li, Betty Sun. 'PG-13' (CC)							★★★ "American Beauty" (1999) Kevin Spacey, Thora Birch. (R) 'R' (CC)
SHOW	(4:55) ★★ "Sahara" (2005) 'PG-13'	★★ "Into the Blue" (2005, Adventure) Paul Walker. iTV. (CC)			★★ "Meadowlarks" (iTV) (CC)							★★ "Four Brothers" (2005, Crime Drama) Mark Wahlberg. iTV. (CC)
TMC	(4:50) Deepwater	(25) ★★ "Manito" (2002) (NR)	(45) ★★ "Crimson Tide" (1995) Denzel Washington. (CC)		(45) "Into the Fire" (2005, Drama) Sean Patrick Flanery. (R) (CC)							Ghost Dog: Sm
STARZ!	(4:30) ★★ "The Insider" (1999) (R)	(10) ★★ "Underworld: Evolution" (2006) Kate Beckinsale. (R) (CC)			★★★ "The Prestige" (2006, Drama) Hugh Jackman. (CC)							"Deuce Bigalow: European Gigolo"
ENCORE	(15) ★★ "Captain Ron" (1992, Comedy) Kurt Russell. (CC)	(15) ★★ "Selena" (1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez, Jon Seda. (CC)			★★★ "Selena" (1997, Biography) Jennifer Lopez, Jon Seda. (CC)							

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Tours, renovation put famed Annapolis lighthouse on display

The Thomas Point Shoal Lighthouse on the Chesapeake Bay has opened for tours for the first time in its history.

The 1875 Maryland landmark has been undergoing a renovation and has long been a beacon to mark shallow shoal for fishermen and recreational boaters.

Henry Gonzalez, vice president of the United States Lighthouse Society, said the goal was "to restore it to how it looked in the early 1900s, 1901 through 1908, roughly. We have some good documentation from those years."

Tours began July 7, taking maritime history buffs on a boat ride to the bay icon, which stands 43 feet above the water and is the only screw-pile lighthouse remaining in its original location in the bay.

Visitors can also use a new dock to gain access to the lighthouse and climb a narrow ladder on their way to the first floor of the building, which was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1999.

Fog-detection signal equipment and automation equipment still used by the U.S. Coast Guard and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in a portion of the lighthouse is on view in a clear protective panel. The lighthouse remains an active weather station and navigational aid.

There are new windows and doors, but visitors also get to see the original kitchen and bedrooms used by lighthouse keepers. The interior remains in good shape. The old bottomless outhouse juts off one side.

The Coast Guard staffed the lighthouse until 1986, when Thomas Point became the last lighthouse on the bay to be fully automated.

The Annapolis Maritime Museum leads the tours.

The entire preservation program started in 2004 and is scheduled to be completed by 2009, Gonzalez said.

"In some areas, we're ahead of schedule," he said. "In some areas, we're pretty much on schedule."

Gonzalez said about 95 percent of the restoration is being done by volunteers. Companies have donated paint and shutters for the windows. He said the most challenging and costly part of the project is the restoration of the structural foundation. Work-

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LANDMARK: Jessica Burns of Annapolis and Jessica O'Neil of Cleveland soak in the atmosphere after a lighthouse tour.

Beacon Shines

ers are repairing the screw piles and the base steel and iron after years of corrosion.

Sherri Marsh Johns, an architectural historian with the U.S. Light-

house Society, said a lot of work has been put into preserving the historical integrity of the building.

"I think we've been very successful in using new products to repre-

sent what was here originally," she said. "The rule is that you preserve all that you can."

The overall estimate for the cost of the renovation is roughly \$500,000, Gonzalez said. About \$300,000 has been raised so far.

The restoration is being conducted after a public-private partnership was formed in 2004 with the city of Annapolis; the United States Lighthouse Society and its Chesapeake Chapter; the Annapolis Maritime Museum; and Anne Arundel County. They worked together to get ownership from the federal government. BRIAN WITTE (AP)

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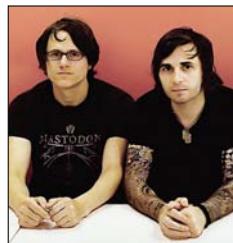
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A COMMENTER AT WONKETTE.COM REACTS TO A NEW YORK TIMES FEATURE ON FORMER PRESIDENT BUSH, WHO WAS COMPARED TO A LITTLE LEAGUE COACH WHOSE SON WAS IN A ROUGH GAME.



Discussions

Personal Tech

The Washington Post’s **ROB PEGORARO** was online Thursday and gave advice about buying plasma and LCD TVs, building a personal Web page and burning a CD.

I bought some songs on iTunes online from the iTunes Store, but my computer won’t let me burn them as MP3 files onto a CD. I know I can’t make a million copies, but I thought I could make a few or at least one CD.

You can burn them to an “audio” CD, and then you can re-rip that

into MP3 format.

I know I’m going to have to replace my trusty old 20-inch Magnavox sometime soon, especially with the mandatory technological switch-over coming up soon. The thing is, almost everything I read about HD TVs is in reference to big screens. But I don’t want a big screen — I don’t watch enough TV to justify it.

Think screen height — most digital sets are widescreen models, so a 20-inch LCD will be shorter than your 20-inch CRT. I think you’d be looking at a 26-incher to get about the same height as before — which means your choice is actually pretty straightforward, as nobody makes a plasma or projection screen that

small. You’re looking at CRT or LCD, and I’d go with LCD.

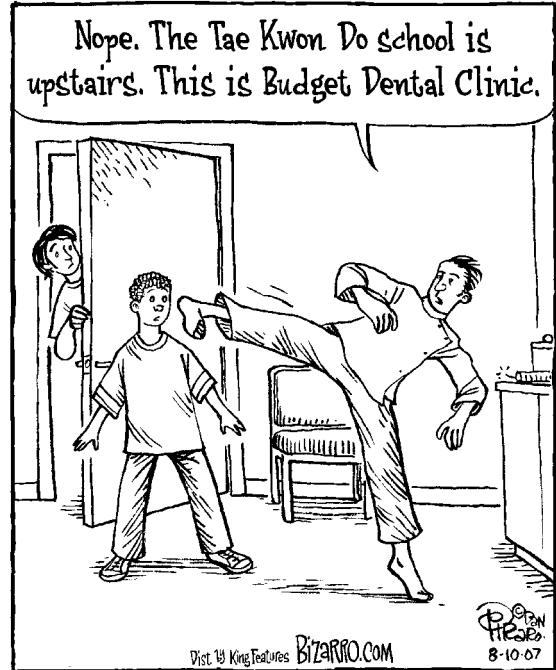
Do you have any recommendations for software to use to help with creating a personal Web page?

As a general rule, anything described as a “content management system” — or a system of any sort — is going to be grotesque overkill for a personal Web page. Try the free, open-source Nvu (nvu.com). It hasn’t been updated in a long time, but it ought to get you rolling easily enough.

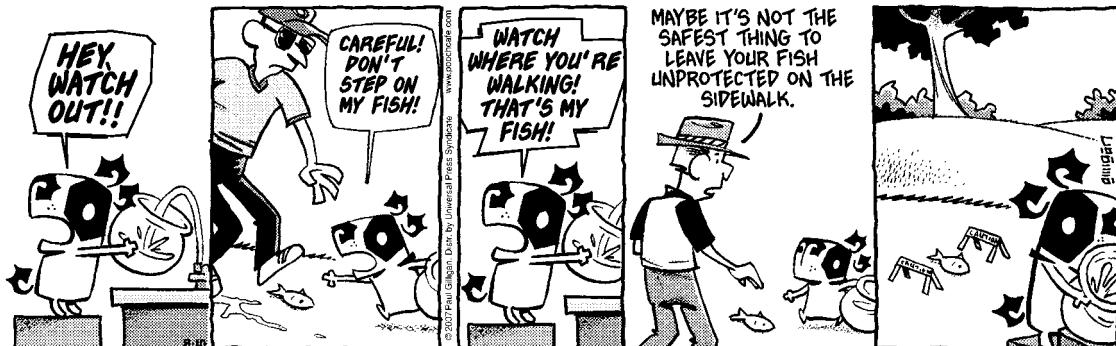
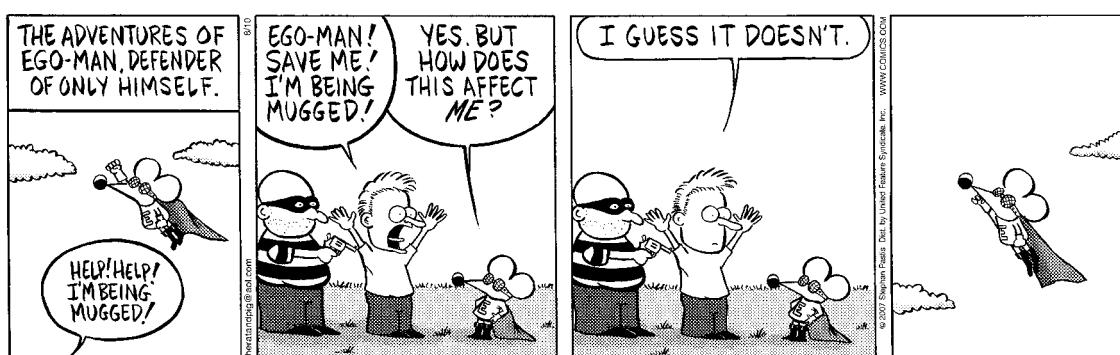
TODAY ON DISCUSSIONS: Washington Post film critic Desson Thomson discusses current movie offerings, Hollywood and indie at 12:30 p.m. | washingtonpost.com/discussions

DO

VOTE FOR YOUR FAVORITE ANTEATER NAME. The National Zoo is asking for help in naming its newborn anteater. Since their genders cannot be discerned at such a young age, the zoo has made three male and three female names available for voting at www.fonz.org. We like Cyrano and Aurora.

Bizarro | Dan Piraro**Cornered** | Mike Baldwin

The growing field of lawn enforcement

Pooch Cafe | Paul Gilligan**Pearls Before Swine** | Stephan Pastis**The Duplex** | Glenn McCoy

Horoscope

By Stella Wilder

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Keep your eyes and ears open, and be ready to swing into action when an unusual but irresistible opportunity comes your way.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your words and thoughts may not be in sync at all times, but there is no reason to think this is anything but a temporary awkwardness.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You may take offense where a rival's behavior is concerned, but you would be wise to avoid making a bigger deal of this situation than usual.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You may find yourself wishing you had made different plans for this period when you had the chance. Make the best of current assignments.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) An important attachment can be made, and you must do all you can to increase cooperation and share ideas more freely and openly.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) It's a good day to put in more of an effort than usual,

especially when the most difficult part of a project is yours to complete.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You can solve an old problem in a new way, but not everyone will have faith in your plan. Don't worry about criticism; get the job done.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be able to forge ahead on your own without following the rules that have been set down for you in the past. Freedom reigns.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You mustn't be too quick to correct what others say and do. The fact is that you may actually be able to learn from their behavior.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You should be able to stay ahead of schedule, but this doesn't mean you can adopt a leisurely attitude. Keep moving forward at speed.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may have to use an unusual amount of force in order to get your point across to those who are unwilling to listen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) You may be quite concerned with issues of possession and independence —and by day's end, you'll learn a little more about the law.

Letters

Candidates' Religion Is News

WHILE IT IS true that there is no codified test of religion, there is an informal one that is made by the people ("Religion Not Part of Politics," Aug. 9). Americans want to know about the people running for president, and there is every reason to disclose full information about these candidates. Certainly, this

does not substitute for an ability to enforce the Constitution, but it is also unfair to say that the media should not cover issues that are also important to the voters. If religion is one of these issues, then the media are actually helping Americans by providing that information.

—SLOANE FROST
Fairfax, Va.

Correction:

Thursday's "On the Spot" said Hampshire College is in Vermont. It's actually in western Massachusetts.

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Today in History

1821 Missouri becomes the 24th state.

1846 President James Polk signs a measure establishing the Smithsonian Institution, named after English scientist James Smithson, whose bequest of \$500,000 made it possible.

1921 Franklin D. Roosevelt is stricken with polio at his summer home on the Canadian island

of Campobello.

1977 Postal employee David Berkowitz is arrested in Yonkers, N.Y., accused of being "Son of Sam," the gunman responsible for six slayings and seven woundings.

1993 Ruth Bader Ginsburg is sworn in as the second female justice on the Supreme Court.

2002 Barry Bonds breaks Willie McCovey's 1969 record for intentional walks in a season with his 46th of the year.

LOOK out

People



"No, I don't like Barbara more than you. No, I'm not going to say who's prettier."

BAD IDEAS

'Gosh, Mom, You Just Don't Get Kids! Or Me! Ever! Why?'

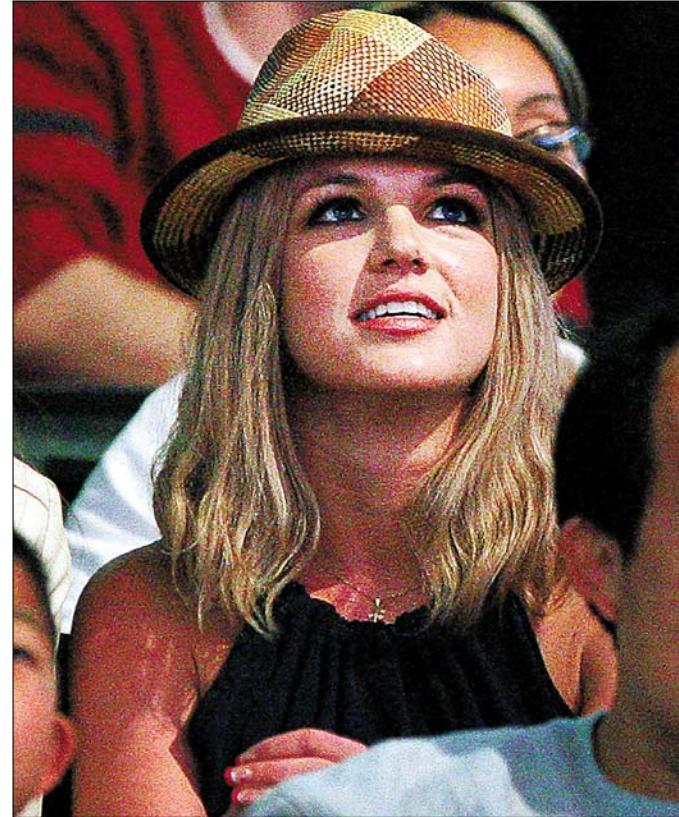
LAURA and **JENNA BUSH** are collaborating on a children's picturebook due out in 2008. "I am delighted to have the opportunity to partner with one of my favorite teachers, my daughter Jenna, to write a children's book," the first lady said. (AP)

FAIR USE

Angelina's Lawyers Ponder Charity-Infringement Suit



RICKY MARTIN wants kids — perhaps adopting "one from each continent" if possible. "It's something we want to begin to create this year, a family of many colors," he said Wednesday. (AP)



IRRESPONSIBLE

Brit-and-Run

Paparazzi documented **BRITNEY SPEARS** steering her car into another car as she tried to park in a Studio City, Calif., lot on Monday. She assessed the damage to her own car only, then drove away. The car's owner, Kim Robard-Rifkin, said Wednesday that nobody from Spears' camp had contacted her about the damaged vehicle. (AP)

5 Day Forecast for the Washington Area



Partly sunny, a couple of t-storms

94°



A thunderstorm early, mostly cloudy

71°



Mostly sunny

87° / 71°



Mostly sunny

91° / 74°



Partly sunny, hot

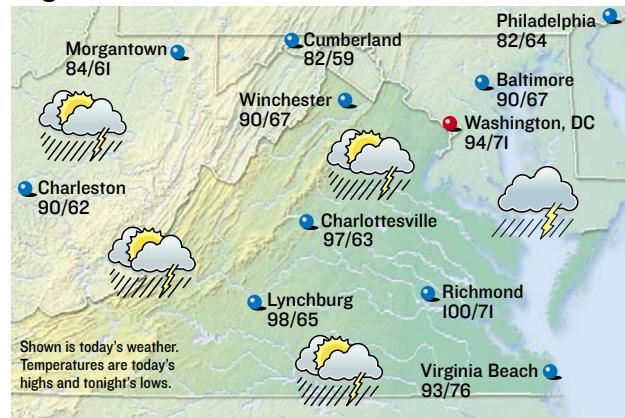
96° / 73°



Partly sunny, a t-storm possible

85° / 72°

Regional Weather



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Almanac

Washington, D.C., through 4 p.m. Thur.

Temperature

High	94°
Low	77°
Normal high	87°
Normal low	70°
Average humidity	61%

Precipitation

24 hours ending 4 p.m.	0.02"
Month to date	0.33"
Normal month to date	0.99"
Year to date	17.90"
Last year to date	29.44"
Normal year to date	23.81"

For up-to-the-minute weather, see: washingtonpost.com/weather

Regional Forecast

D.C. Metro: Today, partly sunny, showers, a thunderstorm. High 94. Wind southwest 6-12 mph. Tonight, mostly cloudy, a thunderstorm early.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise today 6:17 a.m.
Sunset tonight 8:10 p.m.
Moonrise today 3:24 a.m.
Moonset today 7:03 p.m.

	New	First	Full	Last
Aug 12				
Aug 20				
Aug 28				
Sept 3				

National Cities

City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W	City	Today Hi/Lo/W	Sat. Hi/Lo/W
Atlanta	100/79/pc	94/74/s	Amsterdam	68/55/pc	72/55/pc
Boston	72/62/t	82/64/s	Athens	91/74/s	91/70/s
Chicago	90/66/pc	94/72/s	Berlin	81/59/sh	77/59/t
Dallas	100/77/s	102/78/s	Buenos Aires	52/45/c	57/46/s
Denver	100/63/s	99/63/pc	Calgary	58/41/c	65/45/pc
Honolulu	89/76/pc	89/76/s	Dublin	66/54/sh	66/55/r
Los Angeles	84/64/pc	84/64/pc	Geneva	59/54/sh	72/54/c
Miami	90/80/t	91/79/t	Moscow	81/54/s	81/61/s
New York City	79/66/t	86/71/s	Rome	81/61/t	81/64/pc
Orlando	95/76/t	93/77/t	Sydney	71/51/s	73/52/s
Seattle	72/52/pc	72/53/pc	Tokyo	89/77/pc	91/76/s

s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

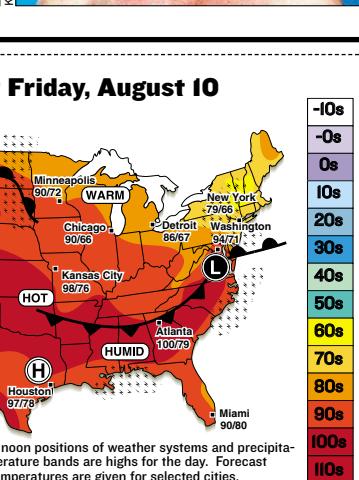


To act out, the child will wear no eye makeup.

evil witch Bellatrix Lestrange in "Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix," the fifth film adapted from J.K. Rowling's wizarding saga. She and Burton met during the filming of 2001's "Planet of the Apes." She has also worked with the director in "Big Fish" and several other films. (AP)



ward to getting back to work," said Bridgette Maney, show spokeswoman. Roberts, 46, had surgery last Friday and has been resting at home since. (AP)



Puzzles | **LOOK** out

CROSSWORD | ON THE MARK

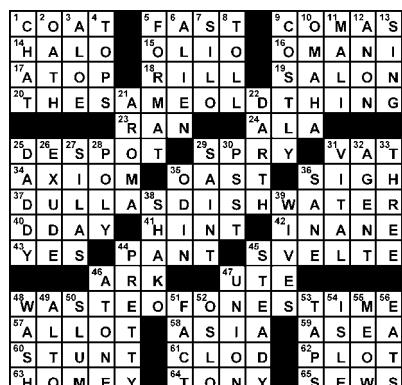
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| radioactive particle | | 48 | Oil-rich country |
| 14 | It follows sunset,
in poetry | 49 | Cohere |
| 15 | Holiday tune | 51 | Warning sounds |
| 16 | Disinterested | 53 | Is dead-on |
| 17 | Well-sighted? | 57 | Zones |
| 20 | Blondie, to | 58 | Twangy |
| Dagwood | | 59 | Biological
container |
| 21 | Molecule pieces | 60 | "___ and the
Pirates" |
| 22 | Bison's pride | 61 | Employs a stiletto |
| 23 | Sought-after
statuette | 62 | Metal-shell filling |
| 25 | Sawbuck | | |
| 28 | "You ___ dog,
you!" | | |
| 29 | Idle chitchat | | |
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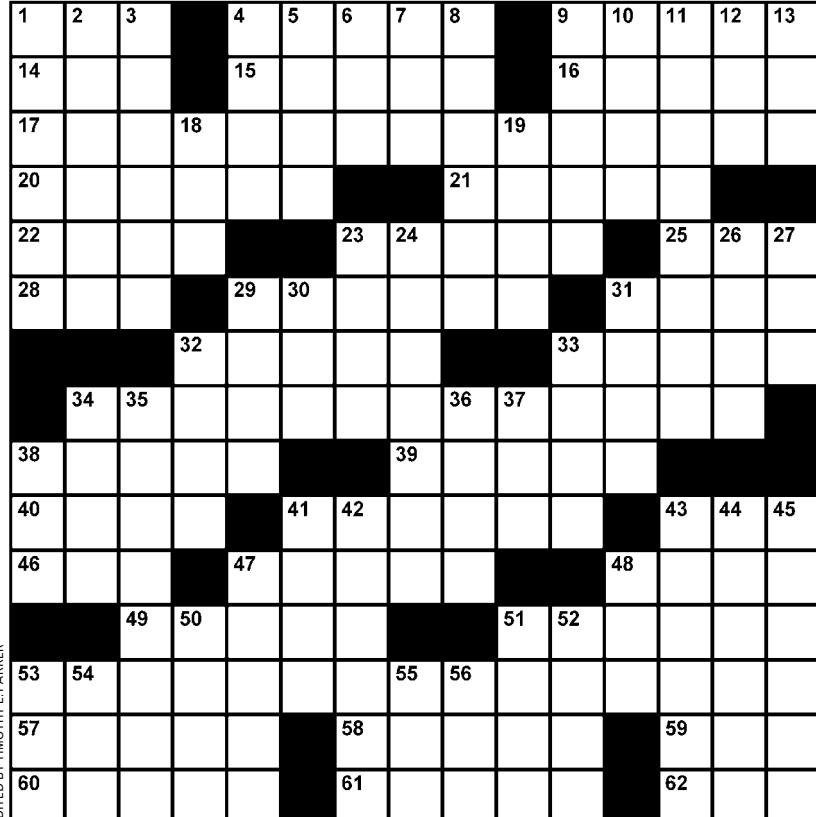
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Yesterday's Solution



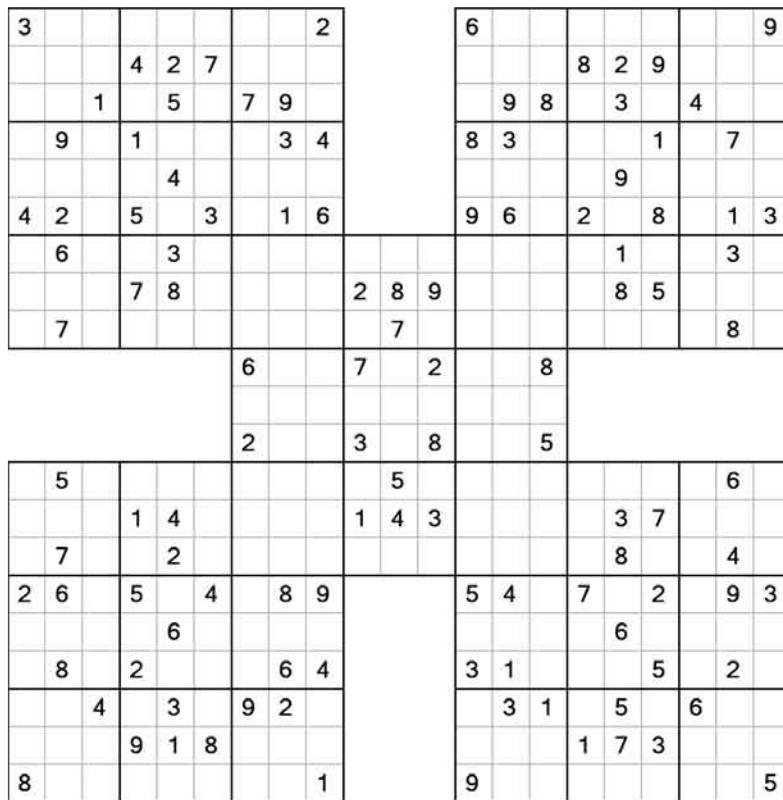
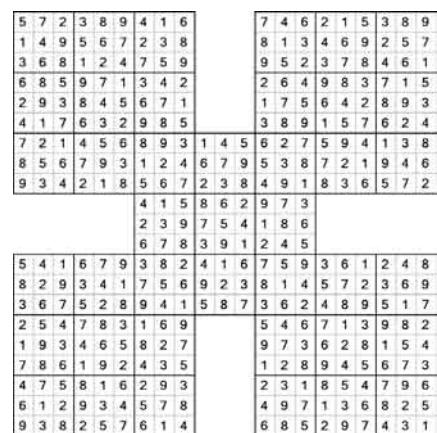
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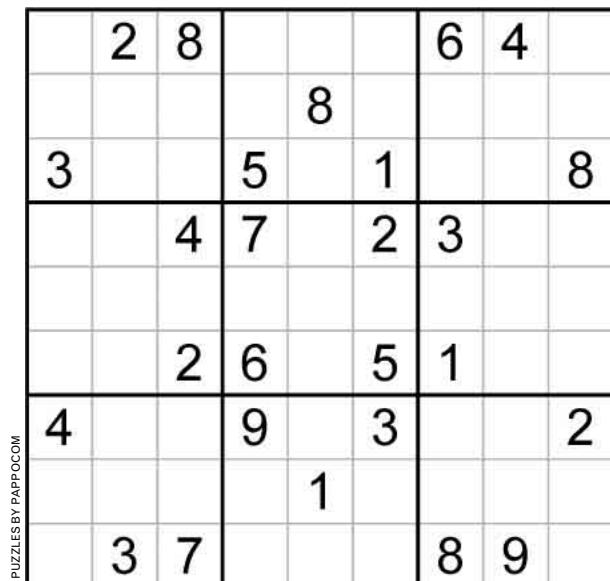
SAMURAI SUDOKU | MEDIUM

Fill in each column, row and 3×3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

Last Week's Solution

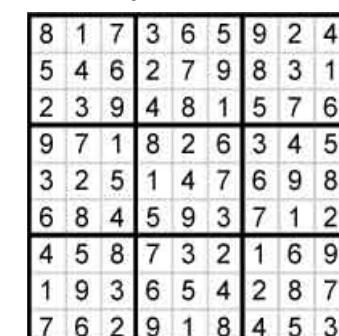


CLASSIC SUDOKU | HARD



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Yesterday's Solution



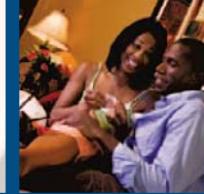
Fill in the boxes so each row, column and 3-by-3 square includes the digits 1 through 9. For solution, tips and computer program, see www.sudoku.com

Need more Sudoku?

Find another Sudoku puzzle in the Comics section of the Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.



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MARGE ELV/EXPRESS

→ **PLUS:** The DIY Duo on crafting a hip home for parsley, sage, rosemary and thyme | E4

face time

■ As Mary-Louise Parker's roguish brother-in-law on Showtime's "Weeds," Justin Kirk has used a banana to explain self-pleasure, lost his toes to a marijuana guard dog and bedded countless women. It's to his credit that, instead of wanting to slap him, we want to share a smoke. He'll be charmingly up to no good Aug. 13, when season three begins.

What can we expect from your character this season?

Andy doesn't see any reason to change who he is, but I think he's really embracing domesticity and family life.

Pot-dealing housewives, greedy developers, sex-starved teens.

"Weeds" takes a pretty dark view of suburbia, doesn't it?

That's ground that's been mined in the past, from "Blue Velvet" to "American Beauty." I think people tune into "Weeds" more for the characters. They're people you want to see what happens next with.

Did you spend any time in the 'burbs yourself?

I lived in a small town in Washington [state] and went to

grade school on an Indian reservation. Then I moved to Minneapolis when I was 12, where I did live in the suburbs. But I went to a theater high school in the city, so I didn't spend a lot of time there wandering the streets.

Your "Weeds" character loves to cook, right?

I think he used it to get laid when he was younger. But now I think it shows how Andy has a lust for everything in life. He enjoys the finer things. For him, food is very sensual and tactile.

Are you a cook yourself?

Not in the slightest, and I probably shouldn't say that. But it's the most challenging aspect of playing the character. When I first



MARK SELIGER/SHOWTIME

Justin Kirk

ACTOR, STAR OF "WEEDS," MINIMALIST

joined the show, I hung out with the caterer, who showed me some basic things.

You're kind of known for taking your clothes off on film. What do you do to stay buff?

Those days may be over! In one scene in season three, I wear tighty-whities, and they make me look like a 12-year-old boy from the sternum

up, and like something bloated and distended underneath. But I do go to the gym. I'm going to go right after we get off the phone.

You live in L.A., but you used to be in New York. How do they differ?

It's harder to be on the street in Los Angeles, because you're most likely in your car. In New York, you walk out and the city sweeps you away.

"I'm still a Minneapolis dresser—jeans, clunky black shoes and white socks."

What's your place like in L.A.?

I live on stilts in a house in Beechwood Canyon with this crazy view of the hills. The view looks almost untouched, like I live in Ireland.

How have you decorated?

I'm not great about my surroundings. I kind of live like a college student. One of my bosses from "Weeds" said my place looks like a serial killer lives in it.

Has L.A. changed how you dress?

Nah, though I do like John Varvatos for fancy clothes. I'm still a Minneapolis dresser—jeans, clunky black shoes and white socks. Unless I've got a girl with me helping me shop. JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

IN THE POST TODAY



Tap Into Your Inner Swashbuckler

The sport of fencing is hot. Care to take a stab? Find out where in the Weekend section.

Also in Weekend: A one-on-one video game duel with Gilbert Arenas. Plus, the weekend's best bets for fun, shows to catch, what's new at the movies and much more.

Great weekends start with the Weekend section.

The Washington Post
If you don't get it, you don't get it.



1 Wranglers Optional

COWGIRL CHIC, oft-used and much-abused, somehow seems boot-kickingly cool again on Loving Anvil's latest crop of necklaces. Brass armadillo or longhorn charms dangling from skinny silver chains (\$70-\$85, unsungdesigners.com) add a touch of Texas to urban outfits (tees, floral dresses). Pair 'em with a Western shirt and risk being mistaken for Shania or Neko.

3 Fear Us

"**YES, CHERISHED GUEST.** The bathroom is right down the hall on the left. Just look for the baby hands reaching up from the soap dish like penitents burning in hell." Scare the bejeezus out everyone, including yourself, with creepy, cucumber- and avocado-scented soaps modeled from doll paws. (10 for \$12, etsy.com, search "doll soap")



Toile Be Seeing You

BROCADE HOME, peddler of all things neo-Baroque, now deems that we need to deck both our homes and walls with funky Versailles style. BH's new wallpaper line (\$99-\$169 for two rolls, brocadehome.com) includes damasks (shown), colored circles on silver foil, and a flocked medallion print that screams Liberace.



4 Hitch-Perfect

FILLING YOUR JALOPY with \$3-per-gallon gas could seem less painful if the bumper's festooned with an anime-type cat, bird or spider. Magnetic Sticars (\$8-\$22, sticars.com), in many designs and colors, are better-suited to VW Bugs than Hummers, though.



2 Tokyo Pop

THEY DON'T JUST WEAR plaid skirts and slouchy socks, we learned from "Japanese Schoolgirl Inferno" (\$17, Chronicle). Take the Manba, for instance, who darken their faces several shades, don blue or green contacts and draw massive white circles around their eyes. Or the legendary circa-1960s Sukeban, who concealed razors and chains beneath their demure skirts and sweet sailor tops.



dear manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOEBUGGER

I know it's mid-August, but I'm daydreaming about what sort of boots I'll wear this fall. Can you recommend a pair to fuel my fantasies? — STEPHANIE

■ Manolo says, daydreaming about the boots and the shoes of the coming fashion season? Ayyyy! You are describing what the Manolo spends most of his day doing, relaxing at the sidewalk café with the kir royale, while contemplating beautiful shoes in the eye of his mind. It is clear to the Manolo that the Stephanie is the kin-



dred spirit, for she has not let the oppressive heat and wilting humidity of the Washington summer prevent her from thinking about what she will wear in November.

Even better, she also knows that the daydreamings are reserved for only the most super-fantastic of shoes, such as these marvelous soft leather boots from the Roberto Cavalli (\$1,144, zappos.com) in the handsome burgundy color, with the crystal accents on the heels. Yes, these marvelous boots are exceedingly costly, but that does not matter, for the true beauty of the day-dreams is that they are always perfectly and completely free.

Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

ON THE COVER

Alexandra wears a Mike and Chris fleece jacket (\$179, Circle Boutique) and a Pieces of a Girl locket (\$68, Nana). Hair and makeup, Victoria Stiles, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Model, T.H.E. Artist Agency. Photo by Marge Ely.

It's Easy Growing Green

A mini-herb garden can grace even wee abodes

Apartment dwellers don't have too many chances to give their green thumbs a workout. Even a window box can run up against draconian condo-board regulations. But if there's one place for thwarted gardeners to put their skills to use, it's the indoor herb garden, whose offspring are sure to enhance any dinner party. Here, we take a simple plastic planter and turn it into a home cook's dream.

DIY DUO

2 SPICE RACK Even though I designed the box primarily as a home for growing herbs, I wanted to accommodate spices like sage or rosemary that can benefit from drying. Hence the rack, which can hold bunches of dehydrating flora, plus a pair of scissors for garnish-clipping.

For the structure, you'll need six dowels (each a quarter-inch in diameter) and a ball of twine. Saw four dowels to equal lengths, and spread these long pieces out on the floor in a fan shape. Mark the fan with a pencil to indicate where each crossbar should go.

And keep the depth of the planter in mind — mine is 6 inches deep, so the first crossbar needed to be at least 6 inches high to stand above the lip of the container.

Using a handsaw, cut the remaining dowels so they're an inch or two longer than the fan

SHOPPING LIST

- Window box: \$6
- Spray paint: \$3
- Dowels: 6 at \$0.59 apiece, \$3.54
- Herbs: 3 at \$4 apiece, \$12
- Twine: \$7 per roll (optional, whatever string you have on hand will work)
- Handsaw: \$10
- Potting soil: \$3
- **TOTAL COST: \$44.54**



on each side. Since the rack is a triangle, of course, the crossbars will be shorter near the bottom and longer near the top.

Use the twine to fasten the rods together at each junction point. I criss-crossed the rope several times to make sure the rods were secure, then finished with a simple knot. It's tough to keep the rods perfectly in place during the tying process, so slide and adjust them after each knot is complete.

PLANT

3 Dump potting soil into the planter and set the rack in place. I'm slightly more successful growing herbs from fledgling plants than from seed (plus, you get the instant gratification of seeing your project at work). I dug holes for the roughly 4-inch-tall herbs, gently broke their roots apart and set them into the dirt. Once the greenery's in place, readjust the rack to secure.

Is It Worth It?

Definitely, if fresh spices are a dinner-party must-have — or just gourmet embellishments for a midnight snack. (I'm embarrassed to admit I like melted mozzarella sticks topped with thyme.) Vine-y flowers like morning glories, which need a trellis to climb, would also thrive. Now, we'll just have to wait a few weeks to see whether the plants appreciate their digs enough to survive even my killer gardening skills.

Julia Beizer and her fiance, Tom, guide newbies through basic home-improvement tasks in our pages a few times per month.

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The new Love Handler from Bliss promises to tone abs using caffeine. Whatever. But the minty gel goes on so cold we got shivers. (\$36, Sephora)

HINT OF MINT

Aveda's newest addition (out Aug. 12), the Outer Peace Cooling Mask soothes acne-prone skin with chilling winter-green oil. (\$35, aveda.com)

LIPS DON'T FRY

California Kissin' Lip Shine's hint of mint will cool sore, arid kissers. (\$16, benefitcosmetics.com)

THE EYES HAVE IT

Molton Brown's Eye Rescue Ultracool Gel says it relieves fine lines. We just appreciated how good it felt on sun-tired peepers. (\$35, skinstore.com)

KEEP IT COVERED

Want a little glow that doesn't come from the sun? The June Jacobs Cooling Cucumber mask leaves skin absolutely radiant. (\$56, amazon.com)

Keep a Cool Head

COSMETICS FOR WHEN THE HEAT REACHES MURDEROUS LEVELS

MAKEUP BAG ►► TAMI HATRIDGE, BARTENDER, RESTAURANT EVE

Beauty and the Bar

Those who've hit the bar at Restaurant Eve (110 S. Pitt St., Alexandria; 703-706-0450) for some insanely good cocktails may have met a dark-haired drink-slinger by the name of Tami Hatridge whose look—bold lips, dramatic eyes, porcelain skin—one might instantly covet.

Alas, you can't bottle what she has—her look is all natural, in more ways than one. "I'm a little bit on the classic side, but still exotic, a little bit," she explains. "I've been told I'm kind of feline, and it just comes to me naturally." Hatridge estimates she has fewer than 25 makeup items in her collection and uses only a few per day, all of them from all-natural, eco-friendly lines. Her favorites include Aveda's lipstick, which comes in a refillable case made of recycled materials (right, \$14) and beeswax-infused



COURTESY AVEDA

Did you notice that it's hot outside? If you missed the fact that you are, in fact, melting, then the omnipresent news stories about how hot it is, paired with the obligatory pictures of children frolicking in various water sources, should've tipped you off. And when it's so steamy even hardcore smokers are saying, "Man, forget this. Let's stay in the air-conditioning," it's time to seek out something—anything—that'll cool you off. Here, the best in frigid makeup and skin care. KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

mascara (\$12, aveda.com).

Hatridge also snaps up eye shadow from Bare Minerals (prices vary, bareescentials.com); hues range from deeply dramatic to subtly neutral. "It's an environment thing, a humane thing, eco-conscious, sustainable," she says. "And they have good stuff these days." While she covets MAC shadows, she sticks to her guns. "I can't use them because they're not an all-natural line." KRISTEN PAGE-KIRBY (EXPRESS)

wish we knew

OLD PRODUCTS THAT ARE NEW TO US



The Brush On

■ A dollar doesn't buy much. Except a miracle. We've long enjoyed E.L.F. cosmetics (eyeslipsface.com), all of which cost but one little buck. Recently, though, we've discovered its wide range of brushes and tools. Oh, and we love them. They stack up to pricier brands in terms of softness, shedding and blending ability, and are far better than most drugstore brands. So, which would you rather do—spend \$15 on one high-end brush, or get 15 perfectly fine applicators for the same price? Yeah, we thought so. K.P.K.

Soap That Is Dope

■ Some people believe soap is soap is soap. Those people are either idiots or they've not been exposed to the SK-II Facial Treatment Cleanser (\$50, Saks Fifth Avenue).

Granted, the mythology surrounding the line is a bit ridiculous (a Japanese monk discovered that sake makers had youthful hands), but the gentle, foaming formula takes off the day while leaving easily angered skin red or tight. Minor blemishes vanished after about a week, and the practically nonexistent scent won't rile up sensitive noses. K.P.K.



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Quick change

HOW TO
SHOP FOR THE FALL
WITHOUT BURNING UP

Shopping for autumn tweeds when the thermometer is shooting past 90 degrees has all the appeal of sunbathing in a snowsuit. On Venus. As it plummets into the sun. But sometimes the lure of a pre-fall sale is simply too strong to ignore. The buy-curious can still experience the thrill of instant gratification, though — they just need to stock up on some choice bi-seasonal pieces. Metallic accessories, platform peep-toes and jersey knits will weather the transition from humid summer days to crisp fall evenings.

COLLEEN EGAN

1 | HEAT IS ON

E.C. Star's minimalist cropped jacket will keep you warm in both autumn breezes and frigid, over-air-conditioned restaurants. (\$123, Nana, 1529 U St. NW; 202-667-6955)

2 | BRIGHT CHOICE

Swap ho-hum neutrals for the high-gloss gold of this roomy hobo. Thank you, fashion gods, for keeping metallics in style for fall. (\$465, Kate Spade, 3061 M St. NW; 202-333-8302)



STICK AROUND, SUMMER: Some hot-weather fashions cozy up to colder temps, too. That knit kimono dress that grooved at the beach can go walking in the fall leaves with a turtleneck under it. Slim bermuda shorts, a long tank's BFF, would also get along with tights and a schoolboy blazer.

3 | DOCTOR HUE

Purple's all over the runways, so rock fall's chosen color on Soda Blu's turtleneck. For now, a patent-leather belt and city shorts; for later, pants and a fitted blazer. (\$62, Nana)

4 | NEW HEIGHTS

Casadei's pumps will work with short shorts or sleek pencil skirts. Just don't wear them on your commute. (\$495, Hu's Shoes, 3005 M St. NW; 202-342-0202)

5 | OH, SNAP!

Show a little—or a little more—leg in Anzevino and Florence's adjustable-length skirt in a seasonally versatile earth tone. Sandals or boots? Mini or below the knee? Choose your own adventure. (\$125, Redeem, 1734 14th St. NW; 202-332-7447)

Brave Nouveau World

Gustav Klimt's cohorts made both art and fabulous fabric

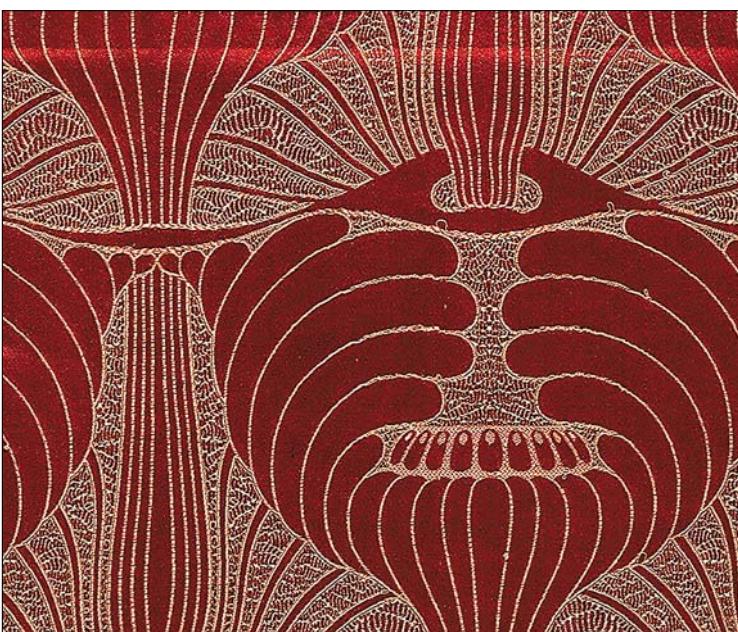
When Gustav Klimt's "Portrait of Adele Bloch Bauer II" was auctioned off last year in New York, the dreamy image of an Art Nouveau babe in a gilded, peacock-print gown captured a record \$135 million.

Klimt's lush paintings of figures in posh patchwork robes and frocks remain the best-known, flashiest remainder of turn-of-the-last-century Vienna. But his compatriots at the Wiener Werkstätte and the Secession (two artistic collectives) were also known for their metal-work, architecture and fabric.

Their material whirls — colorful silks and cottons in prints at once modern and retro — star in the new exhibit "Textiles of Klimt's Vienna," which opened last week at the Textile Museum (2320 St. NW; 202-667-0441).

Displayed mostly in simple black frames, 58 fabric samples show off a range of influences and hues — think the early 20th century's answer to Marimekko. Artist Dagobert Peche put fuzzy stripes of brown and blue on silk, forming a surreal sunset. Maria Likarz-Strauss set cobalt and yellow flowers against an inky background on one exuberant cotton.

Secessionists and Werkstättlers believed that objects, furniture and fashion should be created in harmonious styles, bringing a cohesive artiness to one's surroundings. This



VIENNESE WALLS: In addition to creating buildings and paintings, early 20th-century artists in Vienna made inventive fabric. This 1900 fabric is by Koloman Moser.

means the collectives' fabrics got whipped up into evening gowns, lampshades and curtains. One photo catches Klimt himself duded out for a 1913 party in a patterned kaftan and what appears to be a hat made of a breadbasket.

Other sketches and photographs give more clues as to how these fabrics were used. A watercolor-like blue-and-purple textile by Peche became a cape and bloomer outfit Klimt captured in one of his portraits. Josef Hoffmann's black and gray geometric pattern, which brings to mind the Art Deco craze to come, upholstered armchairs in a Vienna sanatorium. There's even a swatch book of Peche's designs, which are so groovy-looking that Pottery Barn ought to see about reproducing them on sofas.

In a way, these are just scraps. But since they're from such a decadent, artful era, these textiles conjure chic gatherings and decked-out rooms in long-ago Vienna. It's swell to get a glimpse of the party.

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know? But there are other things that naturally take to lower-fat treatments.

Silly question, but where, oh where, can I have just a slice of cherry pie? I'm talking about a generous slice, too.

I can recommend Pie Gourmet in Vienna, which sells single slices as well as whole pies.

My grandma bought me mangoes because they're my favorite summer fruit. However, I've been too busy to peel and cut them. They're getting quite soft. Is there a recipe I can use them in that doesn't involve grilled chicken or smoothies?

Just asked Nancy Baggett about this, who has spent lots of time getting around the soggy problem. She says it's best to precook the peaches, with some sugar, until they start to exude their juices — shouldn't take long at all. Let them sit and cool in a colander, with a bowl underneath to catch the juices, which you can then boil down separately and use to make a sauce, etc.

I love summer fruit pies, and my wife is great at making them — deep-dish and free-form. I hate to sacrifice flavor for, ergh, healthfulness, but she is lowering the boom on me. Short of promising to spend an hour in the gym the next morning, is there anything I can suggest to her to modify the fat content in the pie itself? Sorry, those tender flaky crusts are off-limits.

I'm so sorry, but I cannot support any fat-lowering of a pie crust. It's just one of those things, you

I'm looking for some creative smoothie ideas to take advantage of all the great summertime fruit.

I always think a few herbs add some edge to a smoothie. Add a little ginger to your soy milk with bananas and a dollop of honey or, if you prefer, add it to mangos and strawberries. Another good idea is basil, which adds some sophistication to a strawberry-raspberry drink.

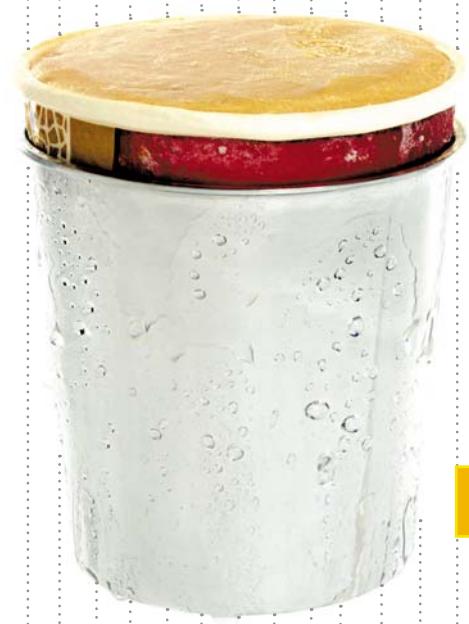
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Here's the Scoop

Rome's Emperor Nero slurped a sorbet-like combo of mountain ice and fruit; First lady Dolley Madison brought ice cream to the White House. From Chunky Monkey to gelato, frozen concoctions have been helping people hang on for eons. To impress guests, don't just shove a pint at them. "I serve ice cream in my grandmother's bowls," says Nancy Purves Pollard of La Cuisine. "Add homemade chocolate sauce." (See lacuisineus.com for recipe.) And to make dessert even more lickable, try one of these scoop aids.

JENNIFER BARGER (EXPRESS)

(1) Fancy jimmies taste like a kid's candy necklace. (\$8, La Cuisine, 323 Cameron St., Alexandria; 703-836-4435) **(2) Take a banana split to go** in this insulated ice-cream tote. It has room for a pint, plus included bowls and spoons. (\$60, uncommongoods.com) **(3) Like Magic Shell** that went to finishing school, Swiss chocolate cups hold Rocky Road or Rum Raisin. (12 for \$35, La Cuisine) **(4) The ice can cometh:** If you must eat straight from the carton, at least use a silver-plated pint holder. (\$95, vivre.com) **(5) A Vermonster** won't fit in Alessi's "Big Love" dishes, but a sundae for two will. (\$45, RCKNDY, 1515 U St. NW; 202-332-5639)



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IDEA LIST



Frozen Assets

Sorry to rain hot fudge on your parade, but if you're offering naught but the Neapolitan triumvirate at your next ice-cream social, your guests will think you're plain vanilla. Rainbow-colored jimmies and homemade waffle cones can only take a blah base so far. But some flavors could even go naked and still satisfy.

We're not sure which drug is blended into the Haagen-Dazs Reserve line (a collection of unusual tastes, like Toasted Coconut Sesame Brittle), but there's something addictive in each complex lick. Haagen-dazs.com offers wine pairings

—a rich Sauternes complements the Hawaiian Lehua Honey & Sweet Cream. Don't get trapped into thinking the chilly stuff is just a meal finale. On a movie night, swap the Jiffy Pop for a pint of Buttered Popcorn

from Maggie Moos. Kernels in frozen form are creepy at first, but you get used to it quickly, especially when you realize the sundae possibilities (that's Buttered Popcorn with peanuts and caramel above). Plus, bits won't get stuck in your teeth. How

about ice cream for breakfast? It's an idea whose time has come with Cold Stone Creamery's French Toast. The maple syrup-tinged delight will make you want to order your eggs à la mode for life. VICKY HALLETT



Q Which '80s trend should come back?

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1. "Pegged jeans and Nintendo," Tom Reavey. **2.** "Penny loafers. I put a nickel in them," Natasha Roundtree. **3.** "Pop Secret popcorn," Mary Zettl, left. **4.** "High, hair-sprayed bangs," Michelle Amosson. **5.** "The music — Cyndi Lauper and Keith Sweat," Natasha Worthy. **6.** "Parachute pants. I burned a hole in mine at the roller rink," Steve Marchesani. "Madonna bangles," Leanne Small. **6.** "I want to see a Smurfs movie," Benjamin Liu. COLLEEN EGAN



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Katy Sauér, Hans Lellelid

Katy, 26, is a business information associate. **Hans, 28,** is a software engineer for a small company in Reston. They live in Arlington.

■ **The Main Event:** A casual garden wedding for 90 guests on Sept. 1 in Wheaton.
 ■ **How They Met:** On Match.com.
 ■ **First Date:** Lunch at Taqueria Poblano in Del Ray. "I hate lunch dates," says Katy. "Lunch seemed safe," says Hans.
 ■ **How He Proposed:** "I wanted it to be 'right' but had no idea what that was supposed to mean," says Hans. "I proposed

at home. I got down on one knee and asked her whether she would marry me. Apparently, I didn't look serious enough, because her response was, 'Duh!' When I eventually extricated the ring box from my sock, she realized I was actually proposing."

■ **When They Knew:** "Almost from the first e-mail," says Katy. "He was everything I was looking for in a partner and almost seemed too good to be true. Lucky for me, he's not!" "I don't know if there was a single moment," says Hans. "But it always seemed so natural, given how happy we were (and are) together."

■ **Aisle Music:** Katy will enter to "I Only Have Eyes for You."

■ **Making It Unique:** A kazoo send-off will conclude the reception.

■ **Mmm, Cake:** "We're having cupcakes that are filled, HoHo style," says Katy.

"I remember Katy smiled a lot and laughed loudly," Hans says.

Rhiannon Dembiczak, David Thomas

Rhiannon, 25, is a conference planner. **Dave, 24,** is a technical writer. They live in Fairfax.

■ **The Main Event:** An as "informal as possible" ceremony and reception for 120 guests on Oct. 20 in Arlington. "The only reason we're having the whole wedding and reception deal is to make my mom happy," says Rhiannon. "We wanted to elope to Vegas."

■ **How They Met:** At Longwood University in Farmville, Va. "We met at the bowling alley during league night," says Dave.

■ **First Date:** "We never had a first date," says Dave. "We just hung out a lot at her apartment."

■ **Their Song:** "Have

I Told You Lately That I Love You?" by Rod Stewart. "After I graduated, we did the long-distance thing and we would text the lyrics to each other randomly



during the day," says Rhiannon.

■ **How He Proposed:** "He took me on our weekly date night to the bowling alley near our house," says Rhiannon.

"Towards the end of the second game, I finally got a strike, and as I walked back to the chairs, Dave pulled something out of his pocket and told me that everyone who got a strike that night got a prize. I was completely shocked and surprised when I saw that it was a beautiful diamond ring."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** "There was this one time at the grocery store," says Dave. "I was already in a bad mood, and it took her half an hour to pick out something for dinner."

■ **Bridal Attire:** "A white, full-length halter dress, no veil and flip-flops," says Rhiannon.



Naomi Hamlin, Johnny Madrid

Naomi, 32, is a forensic biologist. **Johnny, 33,** is an intelligence analyst. They live in Fredericksburg.

■ **The Main Event:** They expect 90 guests at their Sept. 1 Catholic ceremony in Kissimmee, Fla., followed by a reception at the Grand Floridian at Walt Disney World.

■ **How They Met:** Online. "I always thought that the Internet was the last place you'd find 'the one,'" says Johnny. "Boy, was I wrong."

■ **First Date:** "We did a walking tour of the D.C. area. He took me to his favorite restaurant in Chinatown, we had drinks at the Hard Rock Café, and we even went window-shopping in Georgetown!" says Naomi.

"She was holding onto me so tight, I thought I was going to lose the ring."

■ **How He Proposed:** "We went on a cruise to the Bahamas," says Naomi. "The first night, we were on the upper deck looking at the ocean and the stars. Before I knew it, we were in the moonlight and he was on his knee."

■ **Stupidest Fight:** Over what kind of dog to get. "She wanted a pug, but I think they look demonic," says Johnny.

■ **When He Knew:** "We were visiting my family in New Mexico, where 'menu-do' is a specialty," says Johnny. "No girl I ever dated before would even touch the beef tripe and pigs' feet, but she ate it up and asked for more!"



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